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It's all Greek to me

From recruiting hard during rush week to helping the community through philanthropies, fraternities and sororities on campus are living the Greek life at UM-St. Louis.

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Metro vs. Parking Pass

With two MetroLink stops, one on North Campus and one on South Campus, and hundreds of parking spaces, what are the benefits of taking the MetroLink or driving to campus? Parking permits cost \$18, but is it easy to find a parking space? Metro pass cost about \$45 for the whole semester, but what if the train is late?

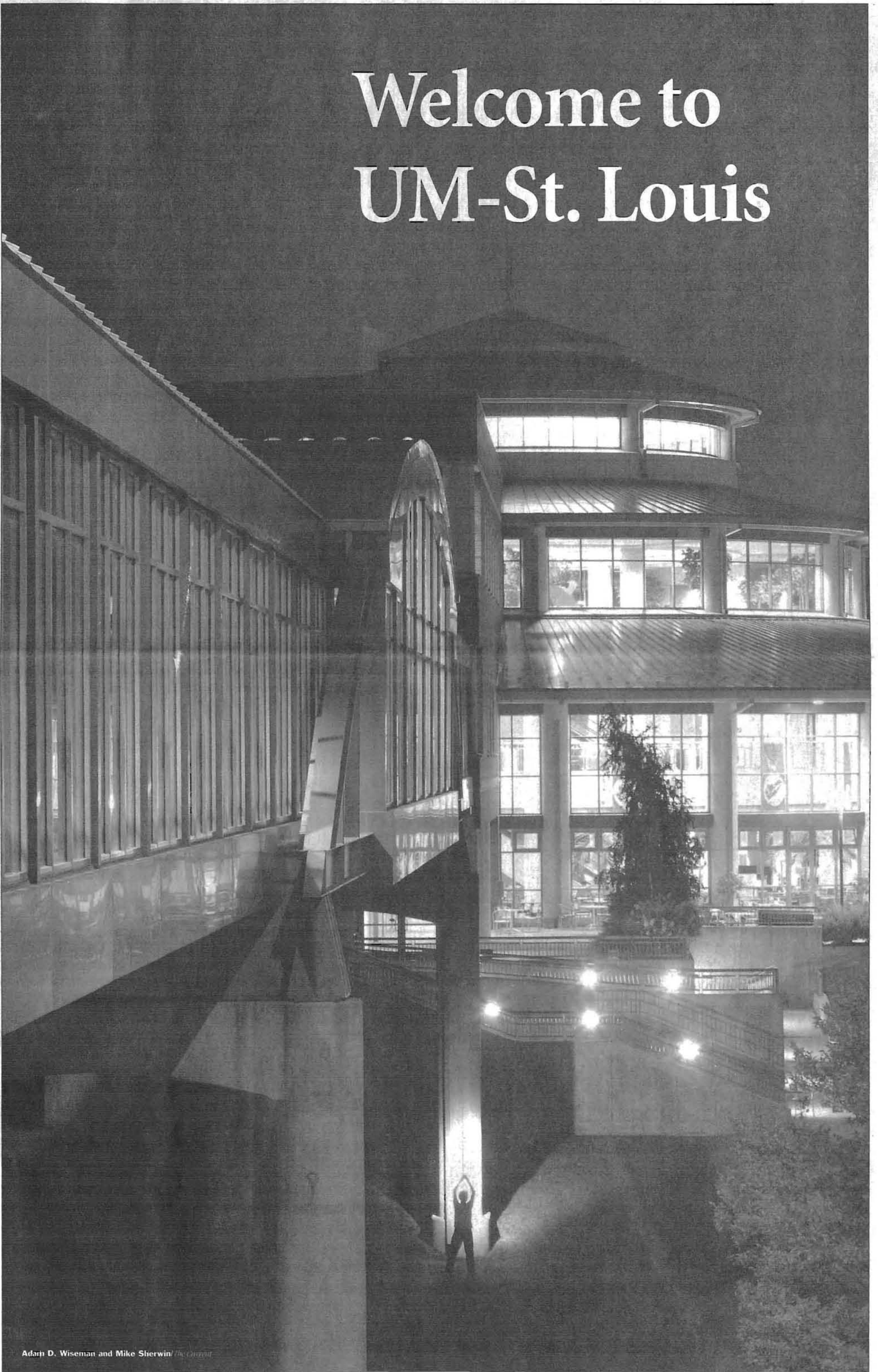
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Adrian D. Wiseman and Mike Sherwin/The Current

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Bulletin Board

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Mon. July 10
Basketball Camp Begins
A basketball camp for boys ages 5 to 15 will be held today through July 14 in the Mark Twain gymnasium from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Cost for the weeklong camp is \$150. Call 5638 for more information.

Fri. July 14
Artist to discuss Latin artwork at Gallery Visio
Jesus Macarena-Avila will discuss a new upcoming exhibit at Gallery Visio at 1 p.m. in the Student Government Chambers of the Millennium

Student Center. For more info, call 7922 or e-mail gallervisio@hotmail.com.

Sun. July 16
Annual Jazz Camp
The fourth annual Jazz Combo/Improvisation/Jazz Vocal Camp will be held today through July 21 in the J.C. Penney Conference Center. The camp is designed for music students age 13 and up with at least one year's experience with an instrument. Registration and auditions will be held from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. today. Tuition fee for the campus is \$299. Call 5948 for more information.

Wed. July 19
UM-St. Louis Summer Teacher Job Fair
The teacher job fair will go from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Millennium Student Center Centru Rooms. Students can meet and talk with school district representatives before school starts this fall. Admission is free for preregistered current students and alumni. Otherwise, admission is \$5. Call Teresa Balestreri at 5111.

Fri. Aug. 4
TRANSFERmation
An orientation specifically designed for transfer students

in the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of Fine Arts and Communication and undecided majors will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Millennium Student Center. Another TRANSFERmation will take place Saturday, Aug. 12 for students entering the College of Business, the College of Education, the College of Nursing and the Joint Undergraduate Engineering Program. For information, call Allyson Wilson at 5291.

Sun. Aug. 6
Summer Commencement
Two graduation ceremonies will be held in the Touhill

Performing Arts Center. The first ceremony will run from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. and the second ceremony will run from 6 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. Call 5442 for information.

Fri. Aug. 18
Pierre Laclede Honors College Orientation
The Pierre Laclede Honors College will hold an orientation for new students from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Provincial House on South Campus. Call Kate Spencer at 7769 for more information.

Put your events on the Bulletin Board by emailing information to current@jinx.umsf.edu.

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Campus Crimeline

The following incidents were reported to the UM-St. Louis Police Department between June 11, 2006 and June 23, 2006. Remember that crime prevention is a community effort, and anyone having information concerning these or any other incidents should contact the campus police at 516-5155.

June 13-Warrant Arrest-Millennium Student Center
An individual that was acting strange was observed in the bookstore and later found in Parking Lot E. The subject was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the St. Louis City Police Department.

June 14-Stealing Over \$500-239 Research Building
A witness observed a black male subject walk out of a co-worker's office carrying a laptop computer. After checking with the owner, it was discovered that this person did in fact just steal it. The laptop computer was in an unsecured

office at the time of the theft. The subject was last seen walking across Natural Bridge Road and down Arlmont Street.

June 19-Warrant Arrest-University Boulevard at University Place Drive
During a traffic stop, the driver was determined to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The subject was arrested without incident.

June 19-Stealing Over \$500-Millennium Student Center
An employee reported two high-speed floor buffers were stolen from a storage area in the Millennium Student Center. The investigation revealed that an employee had stolen the items and pawned them for cash.

The employee was later arrested and will be charged with felony stealing. The warrants will be applied for through the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorneys Office.

June 21-Stolen Auto-Parking Lot E
A student/employee parked his girlfriend's car on Lot E at 8:45 a.m. and returned to the area around 10 p.m. and discovered the car was gone. The person who parked the vehicle indicated that he did not lock the car. The car was recovered the next day in the City of Ferguson. Items of evidence were recovered and the investigation continues to determine the suspect(s).

June 26-Property Damage to Autos-Normandie Residential Hall Parking Lot PP
A witness called at about 3 a.m. to report that two vehicles on the lot just had windows broken out. Nothing was taken from inside of either vehicle. The witness did observe two black male subjects running away from the area towards Bel-Nor, however, they were not located.

June 26-Property Damage to Auto-Bellerive Hall Parking Lot NN

A vehicle was discovered during routine patrol about 3:32 a.m. to have a window broken out. It appears that nothing was taken from inside of the vehicle, however, the victim has not contacted the police department as of this time.

June 27-Property Damage to Auto-Villa area parking Lot JJ
A vehicle was discovered during routine patrol about 3:10 a.m. to have a window broken out. It appears that nothing was taken from inside of the vehicle, however, the victim has not contacted the police department as of this time.

June 29-Warrant Arrest-Parking Lot E
The UM-St. Louis Police Department arrested an individual on an outstanding warrant for assault out of St. Louis County.

June 29-Stealing Under \$500-Parking Lot E
A victim reported that sometime

between 11:30 a.m. and 2:40 p.m., unknown person(s) stole his license plate tabs from his parked motor vehicle.

July 7-Stealing Under \$500-University Child Development Center
An employee used a co-worker's debit card information to make purchases online and then had the items shipped to her house. This happened on two occasions during the last few weeks and was discovered by the victim after checking her account information.

July 8-Attempt Burglary-4320 Walker Lane
The victim reported that sometime between 10 p.m. and 9 a.m. person(s) unknown attempted to enter her house. She discovered that the mail slot, which was previously secured, was pried open, and a window in the rear of the residence was broken out and the latch was tampered with. The residence was not entered due to the security of the windows.

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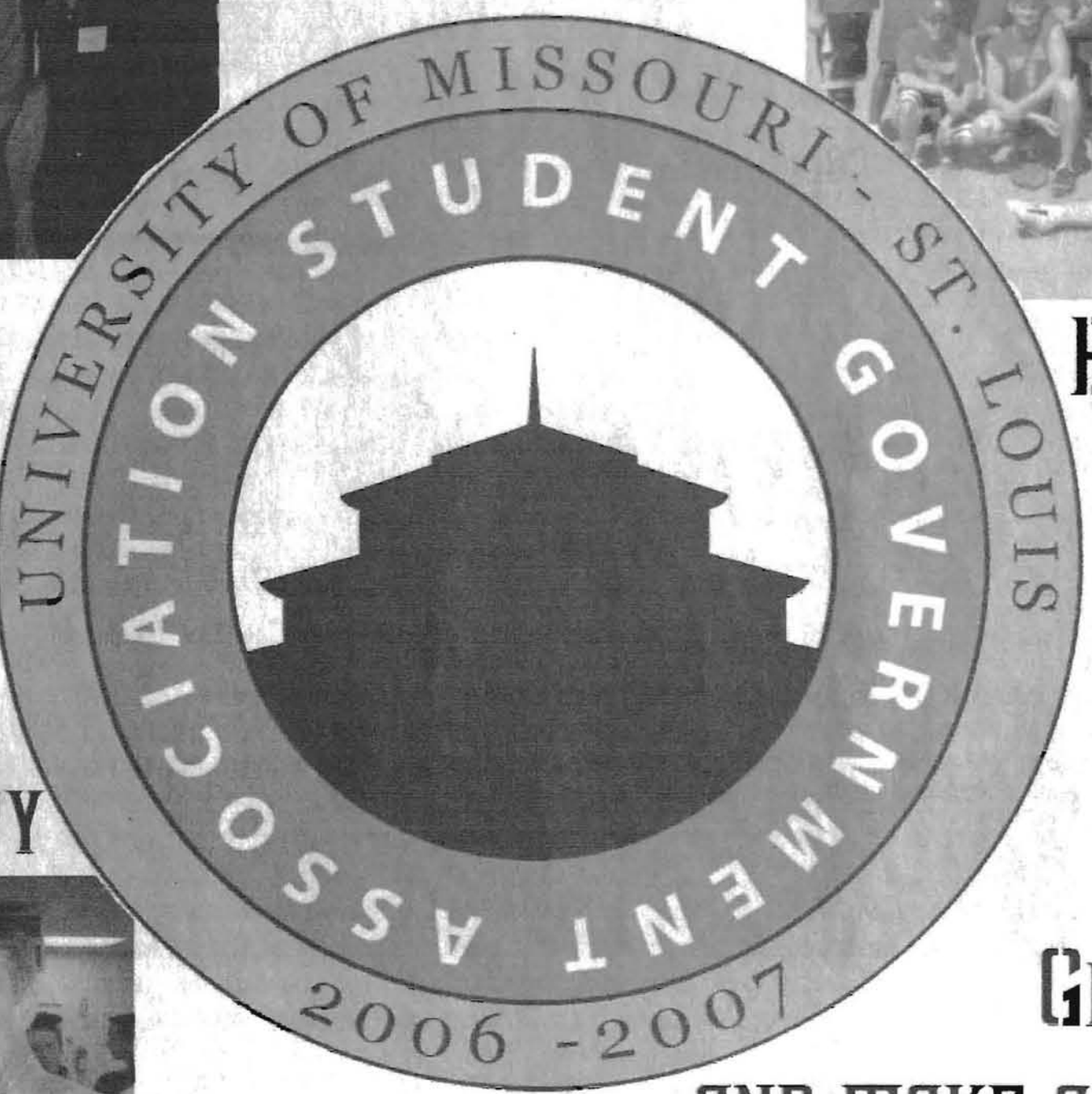
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Financial Aid

Financial aid adds two new grant programs this fall

BY MELISSA S. HAYDEN
Staff Writer

The Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 has created two new federal financial aid programs with \$790 million set aside for them this school year.

These programs were created to meet increasing needs the U.S. Department of Education sees for improved math and science instruction.

Tony Georges, director of Student Financial Aid, said usually the plans for new scholarships are sent to schools to give them a chance to look them over, but "they pulled the trigger on these two and they're starting right now."

A document from the U.S. Department of Education states that the U.S. Secretary of Education said that the department "wanted potential college students to know as soon as possible if they were eligible to receive these grants."

The first new program, the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grants, will be available to third-year and fourth-year students. These grants can award students up to \$4000.

The document states "students will be eligible if they are pursuing a major in mathematics, science (including physical, life, and computer sciences), technology, engineer-

ing, or a critical foreign language."

These students must have a college 3.0 cumulative grade-point average and be enrolled in a four-year degree granting institution of higher education.

Georges said the financial aid office is going to go ahead and make financial aid packages for the students eligible to receive a National SMART grant. He urges students to look for financial aid programs they can receive based on their majors, like this one to "make sure they get every nickel they're entitled to."

The second program, the Academic Competitiveness Grants, will be available to students in their first or second year of college. "E-mails are being sent out to students whose birthdates reflect they may have just graduated high school," he said.

According to the document, eligible first-year students could be awarded up to \$750. First-year students are required to have graduated from high school after January 1, 2006 and they cannot have previously been enrolled in an undergraduate program.

Second-year student applicants could each receive a grant worth up to \$1300. These students must have had a 3.0 GPA average during their first year of college.

Georges said that any student applying for either grant must be a full-time student, a U.S. citizen and

eligible for Federal Pell Grants.

Georges said that two-thirds of UM-St. Louis' students get financial aid and that many of those students would be "challenged on how they take care of their bills" without it.

He said UM-St. Louis offers need-based and merit-based scholarships.

According to him merit-based scholarships get some criticism, but they are need-blind. "Merit is driven off merit, period. It's a level playing field."

"All colleges want to attract the brightest student that they can ... we try to distribute financial aid in the fairest way possible," he said.

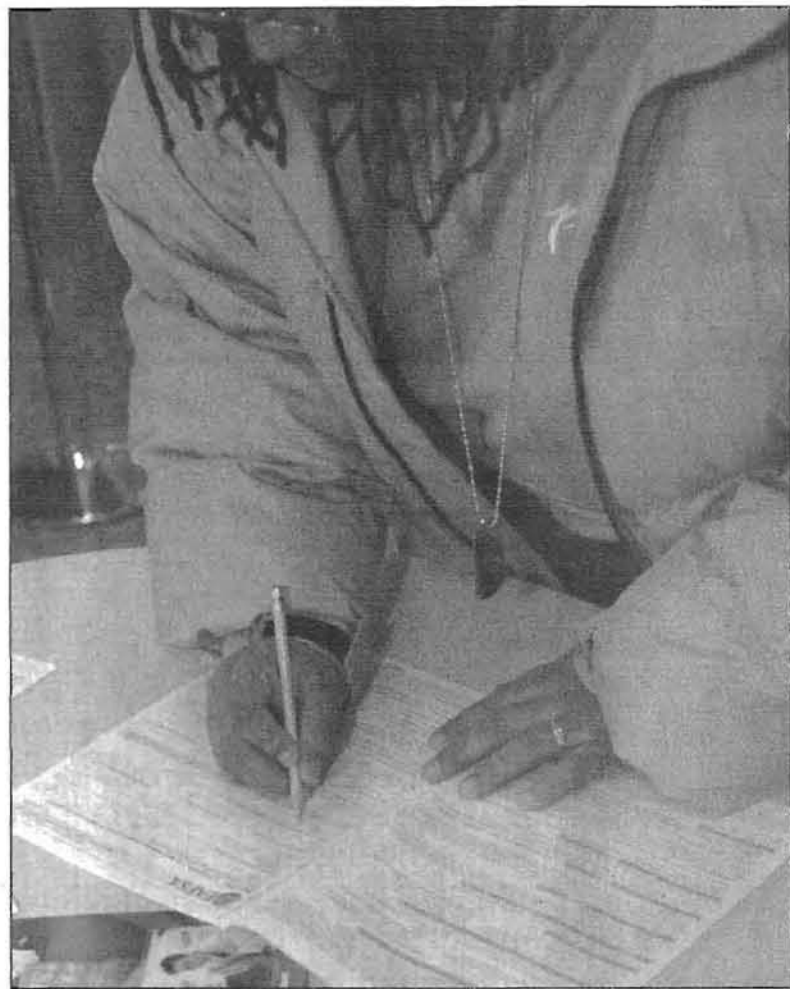
According to him, the best way for students to apply for financial aid is using a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. "Eighty percent of students are filling it out electronically," he said.

New students should not expect to receive a letter stating whether or not they received a scholarship award from UM-St. Louis.

"We don't send out a letter, it's a fluid process awarding scholarships. If someone does not attend school here, we'll re-award the scholarship," he said.

Georges encourages every student to apply ahead of time, but "its never too late to apply for financial aid."

"However, if they wait it will be impossible for us to originate a loan for them," he said.



Aja Owens, senior, education, fills out a FAFSA form. Two new grants are now available for students through financial aid.

File Photo/ The Current

News Briefs

Spellings Commission Report Draft targets financial aid reform

A draft of the Spellings Commission Report from June 22, which is for discussion purposes only, can be found on the American Council for Education's website.

The draft is based on a year-long examination of the higher education system and was conducted by the Spellings Commission.

It states that there is an "inadequate financial aid system" and that the commission believes "change is overdue."

The draft goes on to say that merit-based financial aid is "often politically popular" but that it "will not necessarily garner a large return on public investment and actually serves to divert resources away from students applying for need-based aid."

Tony Georges, director of Student Financial Aid, said "One thing is for sure, from a federal perspective, most federal aid goes to students who demonstrate need. Suggesting that federal aid is going to wrong student(s) is simply wrong."

The draft also states that the commission suggests reducing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to the size of a postcard in an effort to simplify the application process.

Georges said he does not see how the FAFSA could be brought down to the size of a card.

"It used to be 16 pages long and it used to cost," he said.

The commission will be holding more meetings in the upcoming months to finalize its report.

Student Services

Registration office move hopes to simplify student services

BY JENNIFER BRAKE
Staff Writer

In an attempt to increase the student retention rate, the Office of the Registrar moved to join Admissions and Financial Aid on the third floor of the Millennium Student Center.

The idea for the new location of the office was based in part on feedback gathered by Charles Schroeder, senior executive of the consulting firm Noel-Levitz, during six visits he made to UM-St. Louis in the beginning of 2005. The conclusion drawn from the feedback was that a major student grievance is being "run around" or

"bounced" between offices.

"One of the ideas that we then talked about was that maybe it would help if we co-located some key offices," said John Kundel, associate vice provost of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Kundel said he did not know the total cost of changes "off the top of

(his) head," but that it "would be in the area of about \$75,000."

The offices considered for co-location included Student Financial Aid, Admissions, Registration, Records, Degree Audit and Veterans Affairs. "We looked at offices that have very frequent student use," he said.

Ericka Grim, senior data entry operator, said that she worried the wait for students may increase when all six offices were combined.

"I can see a potential benefit in the admissions and registration staff members working more closely, but am not sure that it would offset the potential delay or confusion caused by large number of students trying to get help in one place," Grim said.

"We spent a lot of time talking about that and we are going to be watching that very closely; periodically we have to have somebody who will

go out to do line management, but we are pretty sure we can pull this off," Kundel said.

Sarah Gadel, senior, biology, said she could see the convenience in the move, "especially for new students."

"When every step of the application process can be taken care of in one place it will cut down on the confusion," Gadel said.

All six of the offices are now located in a recently re-constructed suite on the third floor of the MSC, near the escalator. A wall that separated the Student Financial Aid Office from the Admissions Office was removed and new cubicles were added for the Data Entry and Degree Audit staffs.

These changes are part of a larger initiative, which included the creation of the Welcome Center and Center for Student Success, which were both completed last semester.

Pepsi wins UMSL beverage contract

According to Friday's Update on UM-St. Louis' website (www.umsu.edu), "Pepsi Cola has won the exclusive beverage contract for the campus."

The switch from Coca-Cola machines to Pepsi machines began July 1.

Although some Coca-Cola products will still be available in the MSC's C-Store, Bill Costas, senior, liberal studies, said he was disappointed with the change.

"Coke has a better line-up and Vault has more caffeine than Mountain Dew," Costas said.

Faculty, staff and students are asked to be patient while beverage machines are being removed and installed.

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- Getting around campus on the shuttle:**
- UM-St. Louis has three shuttles on rotating schedules.
 - Each shuttle can carry up to 20 passengers and is handicap accessible.
 - Shuttles run between 7:30 a.m. and 10:20 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays.
 - On weekends, the shuttles don't run, so expect to drive or get a ride to campus or walk to and from the MetroLink.
 - Complete schedules can be found online at umsl.edu/~asd/parkingandtransportation.
- Feedback on the shuttles:**
- If you have a complaint about the shuttle service, contact Leonidas Gutierrez, director of Parking and Transportation Services on campus. His office phone number is 314-516-4192 and his email address is gutierrezl@umsl.edu.
- Need more info on UMSL parking and transportation?**
- The office of Parking and Transportation Services is located at 7700 Florissant Rd., just down the road from Bellerive Drive, along the east end of campus (across from the Fine Arts Building).

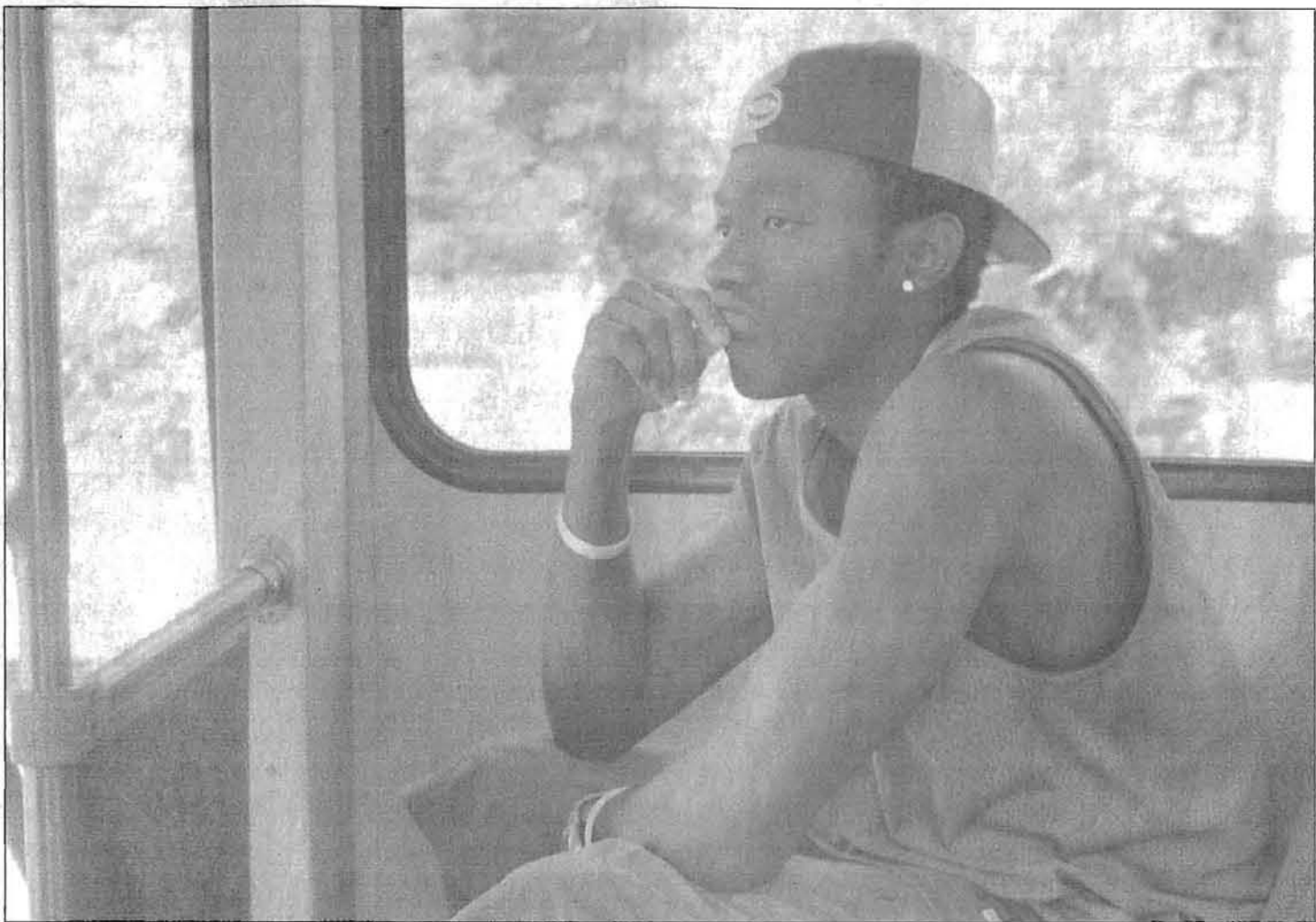


Pedal power!

- A bike trail leads from the UMSL campus, near the UMSL North MetroLink station, over the old Florissant railroad bridge and over to the Fine Arts Building.

The trail ends in downtown Ferguson for now, although in the future the trail will be part of the St. Vincent Greenway, which would connect Forest Park, the U. City Loop, Wellston, UMSL and Ferguson.

Transportation



Photos by Cadence Rippeto / The Current

Nick De Sousa, freshman, management information systems, rides the UM-St. Louis shuttle bus Thursday around campus.

Students share the good, the bad and the ugly of riding the UMSL shuttle

By PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

Daniel Cohen, graduate student, studying for a certificate in gender studies, has waited several times at the shuttle stop at Mansion Hills. Sometimes the shuttle came on time. Sometimes he waited up to 30 minutes to catch it.

"They're so much interruptions," Cohen said. "I'll be at a bus stop about five to ten minutes, and a rotation will get skipped."

Cohen's experience, however, is just one side of the story of the shuttle service at UM-St. Louis. Two other riders, Abrahama Keys, junior, sociology, and Eva Shumpert, senior, criminology and criminal justice, find the shuttle helpful.

Keys said she takes the shuttle from Mansion Hills to the North MetroLink station. "I wouldn't want to walk to the MetroLink from there," she said.

Shumpert, who rides the shuttle regularly, said, "It's easier than transportation since I don't have a car."

Shumpert said she does not usually have problems, but she has encountered problems similar to Cohen's when the shuttles arrive earlier or later than scheduled.

Traffic congestion, travel time, time to load and unload passengers and time to help passengers with handicaps are taken into consideration by shuttle drivers, as they are with any transportation service, said Leonidas Gutierrez, director of Parking and Transportation Services.

"Most of the complaints are related to mis-information," Gutierrez said. He said students may have the wrong semester's schedule or misread times.

At orientation events, Gutierrez said he asks students, "What is your time?" because the student's watch and driver's watch can differ.

In addition to waiting problems, Cohen said he heard that others had problems with drivers being inconsistent with where they pick students up.

"There needs to be some consistency with the routes," Cohen said. On South Campus near the Marillac Hall stop, he said, "sometimes they stop on the back side by the Barnes Library and sometimes they don't."

Student Government Association Vice President Thomas Helton said the SGA plans to



Ben White, sophomore, vocal performance and Katie Moore, senior, accounting ride the shuttle from the dorms.

make changes to the shuttle route this year.

"The way the shuttle service is run and operated is not acceptable for our campus," he said.

Helton said he heard complaints of stops being skipped, unfriendly drivers and shuttles that were off schedule or not waiting long enough at stops. "It's always something," he said. Though, Helton said not all drivers are the same.

Helton works in the Admissions Office and uses the shuttle services often to give guided tours to visitors.

"When I take prospective students on tour, it's not rare to see worried looks on their faces. Personally, I'm comfortable on it because I'm used to it," he said.

Gutierrez said his office attempts to work with Shuttleport right away to minimize complaints and satisfy riders.

"Anytime students call our office and complain about the schedule, we report it to the Shuttleport company. They have direct communication to each driver," he said.

He said the most common recommendation is for the shuttles to be at the stop location for

about five to 10 minutes before the scheduled time.

Despite any problems riders have had, the ridership for the shuttle has increased during the past three years. In 2005, nearly 120,000 passengers used the shuttle service. Over 50,000 passengers have ridden the shuttles so far this year.

The Hanley ShuttlePort Company provides the University's shuttle service to students, faculty, staff and visitors on campus for free. Three 20-passenger-seat shuttles take students and instructors around campus Mondays through Fridays. The shuttle does not run on the weekends because not enough students use it during that time.

For the duration of the summer, shuttles will run Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. until 10:20 p.m. Shuttles will run between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Fridays.

Schedules can be found online at www.umsl.edu/~asd/parkingandtransportation. When boarding a shuttle, passengers need to tell the driver where they want to go in order for the driver to stop at their destination.

Editor's Viewpoint

Apathy is a campus tragedy



ADAM D. WISEMAN
Editor-in-Chief

After attending this University for over a year, I have come to realize that this campus needs something more. It needs a shot of adrenaline, an energy drink, or maybe some Prozac.

Here is a prediction for all (students, faculty and staff) who are involved with UM-St. Louis, I bet that within 48 hours of being on campus you will hear how bad the parking is, and how all the geese need to die. In fact I will double down on that bet, and wager that if you ask someone any question about UMSL (oops I am sorry, I meant UM-St. Louis) you will get a negative comment.

This depression is nothing new to the campus. Students, faculty and staff have been putting this school down since the doors opened. Its like a disease that no matter how much someone will try to cure it, it just keeps spreading.

As a student, I take my schooling seriously, both academically and socially. How did it make me feel while I was in class this last semester when my professor said to another student "Stop reading *The Current* during my lecture, and why would you read it, its crap anyway, and I don't care if the Editor is in this class." After class I took the professor a copy of the latest *Current* and said, "we work hard on this paper, read it, maybe you would enjoy it."

That mentality of the professor is not all over campus. There are tons of people that are involved, and tons of people that are improving this campus on a daily basis. There are people out there that want to change the way UMSL is viewed in the community.

My one piece of advice for all of us that think UMSL is a great school, "the community will not love us, until we love ourselves."

By the way, if you just read that last sentence and thought it was stupid, you are part of the problem.

The solution is easy. Have you ever been in a situation where a person says something that is offensive and you feel uncomfortable, and you really want to say something, but you don't? Well I give you the permission to retaliate against the Anti-UMSL contingency.

You are walking into UMSL from the parking garage and someone says to you, "This parking sucks, I hate this school." You reply, "Well I like parking in a safe parking lot and UMSL is a great school, I love it."

Being positive is the best defense for negativity.

I love this school. I think the campus is beautiful. We have one of the best Student Centers in the state of Missouri. We have the MetroLink right at our fingers. I like the fact that I am paying for an education that will benefit me. I like our sports teams, especially women's soccer. We are going to have a brand new state of the art Residential hall. Last but not least, UM-St. Louis is the best school in the St. Louis area.

Now all we need to do is believe these positive thoughts together, and watch the contagious apathy turn into positive involvement.

Student Voices

Under Current
by Valerie Breshears
Staff Photographer

What sounds do you find the most soothing?



Veronica Henry
Senior, History

The sound in the still of winter when the snow is barely falling.



Katie Moore
Senior, Accounting

The clicking of knitting needles.



Candace Anderson
Freshman, Communication

The pen against the paper.



Lameka Newsom
Freshman, Physical Therapy

Music.

Residential Life

New residential hall will open on August 17

New dorm rooms cost \$27 million and will hold about 430 students

BY SEAN MICHAEL
Staff Writer

Residential Life prepares to unveil a new residential hall with an estimated construction cost of \$27 million.

The new hall, located on South Campus between Seton Hall and the Nursing School Building, will open in August. This will allow students to move into the new dormitories before the start of the fall semester.

John Klein, director of Residential Life, said that 275 students have signed up to live in the new hall and freshmen can move in on Aug. 17 and transfer and returning students will be able to move in by Aug. 18.

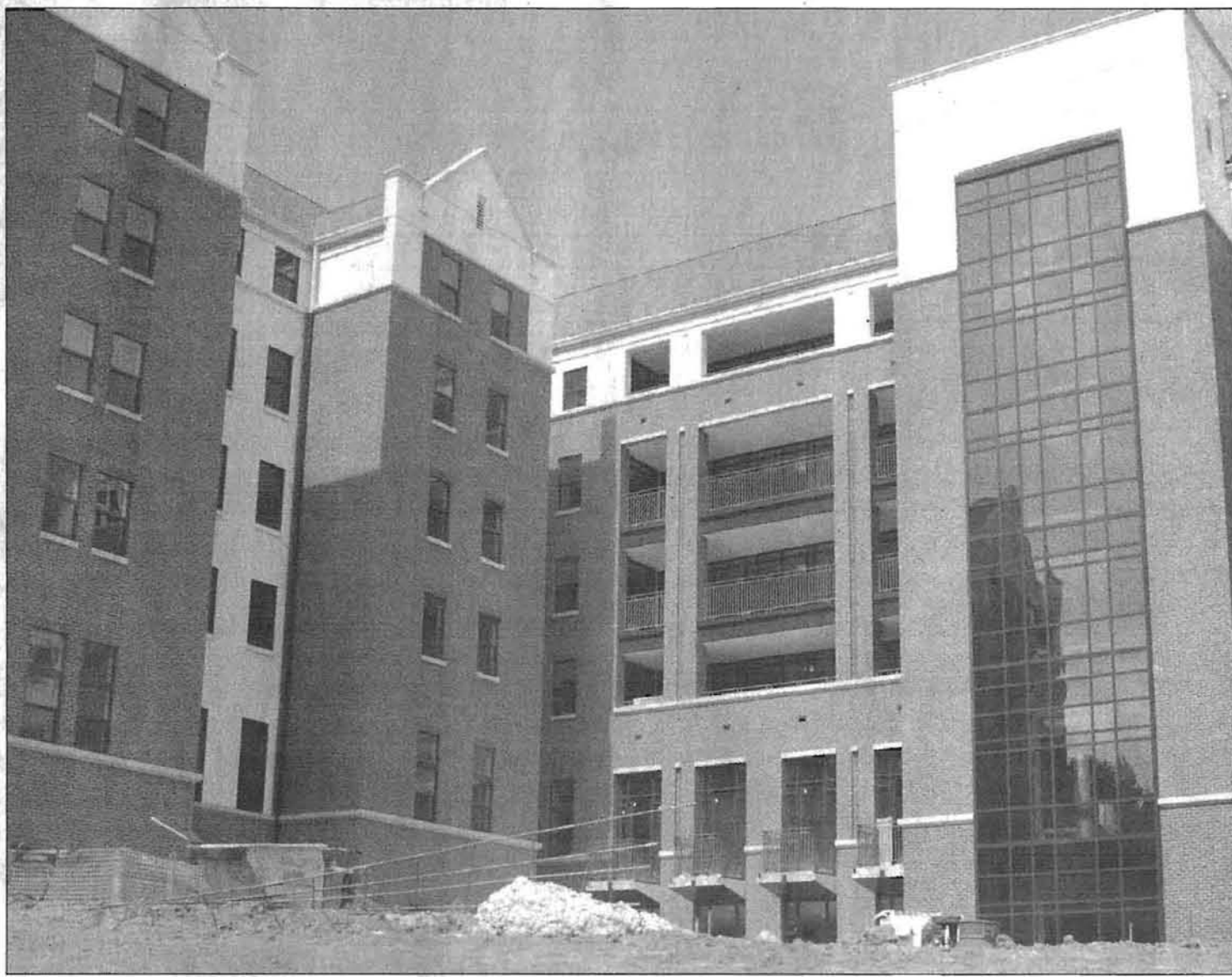
Steve Coleman, assistant project manager of the new hall, said the hall should be open by the second week of August.

"Construction's going just fine; right now our architect is doing a punch list where he walks through the building and checks to see if there's anything missing, whether there's more work to be done," Coleman said.

According to him, "the crew" is completing the painting of the walls and putting in last pieces of carpet. He said they are "in the middle of doing the finishing touches" in the new hall, which consists of six floors with the capacity of housing 430 students.

Klein said there are many different rates for student housing, which range from \$1,700-\$3,000. These rates are based on how long the student lives at the hall and if the room is for single or double occupancy.

Coleman said the hall will contain eight suites on each floor in the north wing and six suites on each floor in the south wing. Each suite will have four single occupancy bedrooms and one bathroom; there will also be one double occupancy bedroom per floor. He also said there will be one Graduate Assistant's room and one Resident Assistant's room on each floor, and there will be rooms in each wing that are "disability accessible."



Valerie Breshears/ The Current

About 275 students have already signed up to live in Oak Hall, the residential hall tucked in between Seton Hall and the Nursing School. The dorms will accommodate 430 students with prices ranging between \$1,700 to \$3,000.

In addition to that, he said there will be two community lounges and community studies per floor, a pool in the courtyard, a laundry room, a fitness center, a kitchen, a dining room and vending machines. Coleman said that students will need swipe cards to access each suite.

He said that this project has been challenging. "We bid on the project, but we weren't awarded it for three months," he said.

He said this delayed the start of the project by three months. "yet, we are going to get this project done on schedule."

Klein said there are still a considerable number of vacancies left. "It's still early at this time for our campus; housing is usually the last thing people think about and then they scramble to get it taken care of."



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Top 10 things every UM-St. Louis student should know about living on campus

Compiled by Stephanie Soleta / Staff Writer

10. "Living on campus allows students to have a private life as well as a good social life." - Brian Skubic, junior, public policy and administration

9. "In the dorms, it is really easy to hear what is going on in other people's rooms." - Robyn Kellogg, junior, undecided

8. "Storage space is an invaluable asset." - Amy Jordan, senior, theatre and dance

7. "There is a real sense of community on campus." - Amy Jordan

6. "Talk to a lot of students before moving in to know what to expect." - Megan Bligh, senior, nursing

5. "To get to class, catch that good old shuttle bus or walk for convenience." Neshyra Wakefield, sophomore, early childhood education

4. "The dorms are small. Really small." - Michael Votaw, sophomore, computer science

3. "Know the location of grocery stores!" - Brian Skubic

2. "Living on-campus can be more expensive than you think." - Robyn Kellogg

1. "Finding a good roommate is not easy." - Neshyra Wakefield

Living in campus dorms, apartments adds to college experience

BY STEPHANIE SOLETA
Staff Writer

To commute or to live on campus? This is the big question that almost all UM-St. Louis students face.

While living off campus is an option that many students choose, living on-campus can be a great addition to a student's college experience. UM-St. Louis students can choose to live in the dorms or the on-campus apartments if they want to experience residential life.

The dorms are a popular on-campus living option for many younger UM-St. Louis students. The dorms foster a sense of community since everyone lives in a close proximity.

Amy Jordan, senior, theatre and dance, lived in the dorms in Seton Hall for two years.

"There is a real sense of community in the dorms," Jordan said. "You can make a lot of friends and hang out with them often."

However, the dorms may not offer enough space for some students. "Depending on where you live, the rooms can be small, and the beds (although long) are even smaller," Jordan said.

Robyn Kellogg, junior, undecided, lived in Villa Proper dorms in the Provincial House. Kellogg agreed that making friends in the dorms is quite easy. "People are always close at hand to you," she said.

"You become friends with the people you live around in a way that

you wouldn't just from going to classes," said Michael Votaw, sophomore, computer science. "It's almost like some sort of bizarre family-like bonding experience."

While Votaw said the dorms were rather small, he found a positive aspect of having a small room.

"This works out better anyway," Votaw said. "You end up spending more time outside your room, getting to know the people around you."

While many students choose to live in the dorms, others choose to live in the on-campus apartments.

Neshyra Wakefield, sophomore, early childhood education, lived in the University Meadows on-campus apartments. She enjoyed her experience in the University Meadows overall.

"It is a wonderful opportunity to live in a community with similar goals, so it's a chance to get familiar with new people," Wakefield said.

One thing Wakefield did not like about living in the University Meadows was the size of the apartments.

"The amount of space available in the apartments is not worth the amount of rent paid," Wakefield said.

Besides that, Wakefield liked living on-campus. "I can sleep later than people who don't live on-campus because class is right across the street," she said. "When there is a campus event, it is simple to attend because you live on campus."

Brian Skubic, junior, public policy and administration, also lived in the University Meadows.

"Students have a great environment to experience college away from home. It's really a true university experience," Skubic said.

Although Skubic said that the University Meadows had its drawbacks, he said he would live there again because he said it provided the best on-campus experience at UM-St. Louis.

"The property would be kept up better with an additional maintenance crew. They are, in my opinion, understaffed," Skubic said.

Just like with every decision, living in the on-campus apartments and the dorms has its shortcomings, yet many students agree that living on-campus adds to the overall experience of attending college at UM-St. Louis.

Housing Rates

University Meadows Apartments

Rates for rooms with four bedrooms and two bathrooms:

- \$401 per month for Aug. 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007.

- \$189 per month for May 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007.

Rates for rooms with two bedrooms and two bathrooms:

- \$506 per month for August 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007.

- \$370 per month for May 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007.

Efficiency Rates:

- \$798 per month for August 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007.

- \$206 per month for May 1, 2007 to July 1, 2007.

Amenities: Full service kitchens complete with stove, dishwasher, refrigerator, built-in dining/study area. Room is equipped with telephone, cable outlets and 830 square feet with a big screen television entertainment. Students can look forward to a hot tub and swimming pool. A pavilion is also available where students can barbecue or play volleyball

Mansion Hills Condos

- Rate for a one-bedroom unit: \$600 per month for a 765 square foot room

- Rate for a two-bedroom unit: \$775 per month for a 830 square feet room.

Amenities: Students have a kitchen, dining room and living room with cable ready television sets, recreation areas, dishwashers, garbage disposals and ceiling fans. Students can look forward to jumping in the swimming pool and using their laundry facilities.

Residential Life

Rate for standard single occupancy room:

- \$2,349 for 12 months

Rate for standard double occupancy room:

- \$1,820 for 12 months

Rate for small single occupancy room:

- \$1,940 for 12 months

Rate for single four-bedroom suite:

- \$2,649 for 12 months

Rate for double four-bedroom suite:

- \$2,120 for 12 months

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Spirit Day is a new tradition to UM-St. Louis. the UM-St. Louis Athletes will show new students around campus and the UMSL Flames will be performing. There will be free food and prizes! Don't miss out on the "spirit wigs" to wear to all the athletic games.

Michael Johns: Las Vegas Hypnotist | Tuesday, August 23, 2006

Stay Tuned for Time and Location

Come show off your "gaming" skills and have some fun with Rec Sports! There will be contests and awesome prizes!

EXPO | Wednesday, August 23, 2006

10-2pm in the Quad

Student organizations will have booths set up and will be giving out information of their organizations and how to get involved on campus. The events also help students learn more about the campus and meet new people while having fun. There will be free popcorn and snow cones too!

Drive-In Movie Night | Thursday, August 24, 2006

Movie starting at 9pm in Parking Lot C

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MTV Beach Party | Friday, August 25, 2006

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Wear your swimsuit and come hang out with surprise guests at the MTV Beach Party! Wear your best suit 'cause there will be an awesome prize for best swimsuit! There will be a live DJ, good food and prizes!

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Staff Viewpoint

So, you think you're just an intern? Think again!

I never expected to spend my summer driving an hour away for the aftermath of a fire, walking into a baby-shaking case hearing or listening to stories of Army reservists preparing to leave for Iraq.

What is most surprising, though, is that I did all that and more as an intern.

Sooner or later in your college career, you will probably be asked to complete an internship. UM-St. Louis requires students to complete an internship for majors in business, political science, anthropology and communication, to name a few.

As a communication major, I have been busy spending three days a week as an intern for the Belleville News-Democrat, a newspaper serving southwestern Illinois.

This was my first internship experience, and what an experience it has been. I am required to keep a journal of my accomplishments and lessons learned during the required 150 hours spent at the internship for communication majors.

While my time at the internship is halfway completed and I still have much to learn, I have picked up a few tips for those future interns among you.

After you are accepted as an intern for a company, the first thing to know is that while you may think you are an intern, you actually are not.

Confused? On my first day, my supervisor assigned me a story about cell phone providers. After calling and leaving several messages saying I was an "intern reporter," one reporter turned toward me and told me I was not an intern reporter, but a reporter.

Just a reporter, like the rest of them. Although you may think of yourself as only an intern, others will probably see you as another co-worker.



PAUL HACKBARTH
Design Editor

However, remember that being one of the guys or girls wherever you intern also means you may be held up to the same standards as other employees.

There is a common misconception that all interns do is grunt work. I can honestly say my initial assignments felt trivial to what other reporters were working on. However, after two weeks, when an editor

assigned me a story to cover the aftermath of a fire, it felt good knowing they placed confidence in me to get the scoop.

Find interest in what you may perceive as the boring stuff your supervisor throws at you. That way, when you do get the big file or case, it will make the experience so much better.

All internships will be different. My experience will be different from yours. Internships offer a good learning environment and a good taste of what a potential job in your field will be like. Halfway through my internship, I can definitely say this is something I want to do for the rest of my life.

Finally, if none of the above helps you, I have five last pieces of advice.

1) Do not accept alcohol on your internship. You would never do that at work, so don't do it at your internship. Always behave professionally.

2) If you have to park on the street for your internship, do not forget to feed the parking meters to avoid parking tickets, something I forgot.

3) Find out where all the nearest eateries are located. You don't want to end up burnt out on Bread Co. like I did.

4) Cherish the time you spend there and the interesting things you'll find out.

5) Don't take a dead dog on the Amtrak, see what I mean about the interesting things?

Summer study abroad expands students' cultural knowledge

MELISSA MCCRARY
Staff Writer

Over 100 UM-St. Louis students packed their book bags and suitcases and headed off to study abroad this summer.

London, Mazatlan, Germany, Mexico, Japan, France and Greece were just a few destinations of the summer 2006 study abroad programs.

Traci Faschingbauer, coordinator for the Center for International Studies, said exchange programs became offered in the 1980s and started with just a few partners. Now they have grown to include over 80 programs around the world.

The study abroad office offers three different types of programs, including faculty-led programs, other student programs and community programs.

Many students who study abroad choose faculty-led programs, which are conducted primarily by a professor or a group of faculty members.

"This summer, we offered 15 different programs and four of them were faculty-led," Faschingbauer said. "If a student wanted to go somewhere that was not offered, we were able to help them find another program."

Allan Bird, professor of Japanese Studies and Business Administration, and Elizabeth Eckelkamp, professor of foreign languages and literature, coordinated this summer's Japan study tour, which was held from May 15 until May 31.

The Japan program was a part of a Business and Culture course, where students explored various Japanese businesses and government buildings and attended lectures and sightseeing adventures. Students who participated in the program received three academic credits. This is the third year that the Japanese program has been offered.

"In 2004, we had a Japanese Business and Society program and in

2005, we had a Thailand program," Eckelkamp said. "These programs are usually held right after the spring semester. We will have another Japan program in 2008 and different program in 2007. We try to offer a Japan program every other year."

Eckelkamp said that students can take the program for credit or non-credit. The programs are also open to members of the community, to fulfill UM-St. Louis' outreach mission.

Twenty-eight students and three community members took part in this summer's Japan program.

Sarah Wright, alumna, international business, was one of the students who experienced the Japan study tour. This was the last course Wright needed before graduating. "We visited Tokyo, Quito and Hiroshima," Wright said. "We went on company tours, watched presentations and explored some famous temples and shrines."

Wright said that after studying the Japanese language for two years at UM-St. Louis, she enjoyed being able to understand what was going on around her.

"This is an experience that nobody can ever take back," she said. "It changed how I think about things and it was the best class I ever had."

"Greece 2006: An Archaeological Adventure" was another course offered as a summer study abroad program. Michael Cosmopoulos, professor of Greek studies and anthropology, conducted this course and trip from June 1 through June 19.

"Searching for the Kings of the Trojan War" was the title of the trip. Completing archaeological fieldwork, traveling to major sites and museums and attending evening lectures were the three objectives of the course.

In Pylos, Greece, students conducted geophysical investigations, excavations and topographical surveys and examined the history of legendary Greek kings of the Trojan War. They also visited the palace of King Nestor at Pylos, Mycenae, the

capital of Agamemnon, Nauplio, the first capital of modern Greece, medieval castles and the ancient Olympia, where the original Olympic Games were held.

This six credit program counted for Anthropology 3290 and Anthropology 4309 courses. About 50 students took part in the Greece program.

The Lyon Education Exchange (LEE), European Integration and Business in the Capital of Europe, the Missouri London Program (MLP), the Spanish Immersion Program, Spanish Language and Latin American Culture and the Stuttgart Summer University are some of the other completed summer study abroad programs.

Carol Cradock, specialist for the Center for International Studies, worked primarily with the summer short-term programs in Greece, Ireland and Japan. Cradock said all of the activities vary from different programs.

"These programs are extremely beneficial because they are short-term," Cradock said. "This enables people to have a study abroad experience in a shorter amount of time. They are less expensive and they can earn credits faster. They can get a different and good perspective of cultures and meet people from different backgrounds."

Faschingbauer said study abroad programs can either be one to two semesters long or take place in the summer. She said the costs for these trips vary. Some programs mandate students to pay UM-St. Louis tuition, airfare and housing, while others might be all-inclusive with food expenses also included.

Many of the study abroad programs offer financial aid such as scholarships, fellowships and grants. To learn more about all of the programs offered, visit www.umsl.edu/studyabroad/ or call the Study Abroad Office and the Center for International Studies at 516-5229.

Studying abroad at UM-St. Louis:

- For most study abroad programs, students continue to pay UM-St. Louis tuition. Your financial aid and scholarships can apply towards study abroad, and the Center for International Studies awards additional study abroad scholarships for semester, year-long and summer programs.

- UM-St. Louis has study abroad programs with universities in over thirty countries in Asia, Africa, Europe and North America.

- Information sessions on study abroad will take place in the Student Success Center, 225 MSC. on the following days:

- Aug. 29 at 11 a.m.
- Aug. 30 at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.
- Sept. 11 at 10 a.m.
- Sept. 13 at 3 p.m.

NSE lets students study at other U.S. universities:

- Students can also try out studying at another university in America, while paying UM-St. Louis tuition through the National Student Exchange. The program includes 185 universities.

Interested students should check out the Web site for NSE at UM-St. Louis at: www.umsl.edu/~honors/onsei/html/nse_main.htm. You can also contact the coordinator of the program, Kate Spencer in the Honors College at 314-516-7769 or by e-mail spencerkw@umsl.edu.

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Friday, September 15, 2006

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September 25, 2005 to November 17, 2006

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MetroLink passes cost \$45, but it can still be more economical than the \$18 per credit hour charged for parking passes.

The extra distance to and from the MetroLink can help fend off extra pounds.

• Parking passes are great for those mornings when students are running late.

If a student misses the MetroLink, another one comes in just seven to 10 minutes, but that is an extra seven to 10 minutes of being late for class.

Parking on campus is convenient for students who plan to be on campus for under an hour.

If students are planning to use other services offered by the University such as the Mark Twain Fitness and Recreation Center or the on campus computing labs, then a parking pass would be a handy time-saver.

Parking Fees

- Parking permits for cars, vans and trucks cost \$18 per credit hour (up to 16 credit hours per semester in the fall and winter and 8 credit hours in the summer)
- For motorcycles, permits cost \$9 per credit hour
- Enrolled students who have not purchased a current semester parking permit can buy a daily permit for \$10.



Commuting by car or taking the train:
Which do students prefer using as their way to get to campus?

BY NAKENYA SHUMATE
Staff Writer

The commute to campus is full of options. Students can drive their personal cars and park on campus parking lots, move close to campus and walk or take the shuttle, carpool, or use the MetroLink and public transportation.

Yet the biggest conflict over which method to use has been between buying a parking pass and parking on campus or getting a Metro pass from the cashier's office and riding the MetroLink.

MetroLink's light rail system attaches the UM-St. Louis campus to several St. Louis feature areas, but is it enough to compete with the straightforwardness of parking on campus? Why do students choose the one versus the other? What perks does each method offer? Why is the decision such a major decision in students' lives?

Randy Kimbrough senior, mass communication said, "It was really major for me because I don't think there is a lot of safety on the MetroLink. The conductor is behind a



Kevin Schneider, senior, business administration, rides the MetroLink train from UM-St. Louis.

sheltered glass in the front of the train and there is no security on the MetroLink."

"I'd rather pay the [price], for the peace of mind of knowing that I am in a safer environment than the MetroLink," Kimbrough said.

Although Kimbrough prefers parking on campus, he is not ecstatic with the prices of the parking passes.

"Parking passes are way too expensive," Kimbrough said. "A flat rate of \$50, regardless of how many credit hours you're doing, would be excel-

lent."

Safety was not the only reason Kimbrough did not use the MetroLink.

"To me, it's a waste of time," Kimbrough said. "If I'm driving, I don't like to detour. It's just the option of the convenience. If I'm driving to

school, I like to go straight to school."

Kimbrough's advice to incoming freshmen is absolute.

"I would definitely say a parking pass," Kimbrough said. "They may have to spend more time on campus than they thought. It is more convenient to drive, when they may just need to be on campus for 30 minutes to meet with professors, check out a book, and meet with students for group projects."

Rocquell Redmond, freshman, education, said she takes the MetroLink to class every day.

"I have a car at home but I'd rather take the MetroLink than use up gas," Redmond said. Because she is an incoming freshman, the shock of parking pass prices has not yet become a motive for her commute choice.

"The reason why I don't drive my car is because of the gas prices," said Redmond. She said the MetroLink was also more convenient for her.

"It depends on the day: if there is a game, it's very crowded," Redmond said.

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Student Government

New SGA president says involvement was best medicine

Koechig overcame lymphoma to be political intern, frat brother and new SGA leader

BY MABEL SUEN
Features Editor

When Nick Koechig first transferred to UM-St. Louis in January 2005, he was receiving treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma, working a part-time job, taking classes, rushing for a fraternity, and working for Senator Jim Talent – all at the same time.

Nick Koechig, senior, political science, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma, or cancer of the thyroid and lymph node systems, on his 20th birthday.

"It was quite a birthday present. It was something where I had done the research and I knew exactly what to expect. I was going into the mind frame of it's something I know I have to beat," Koechig said.

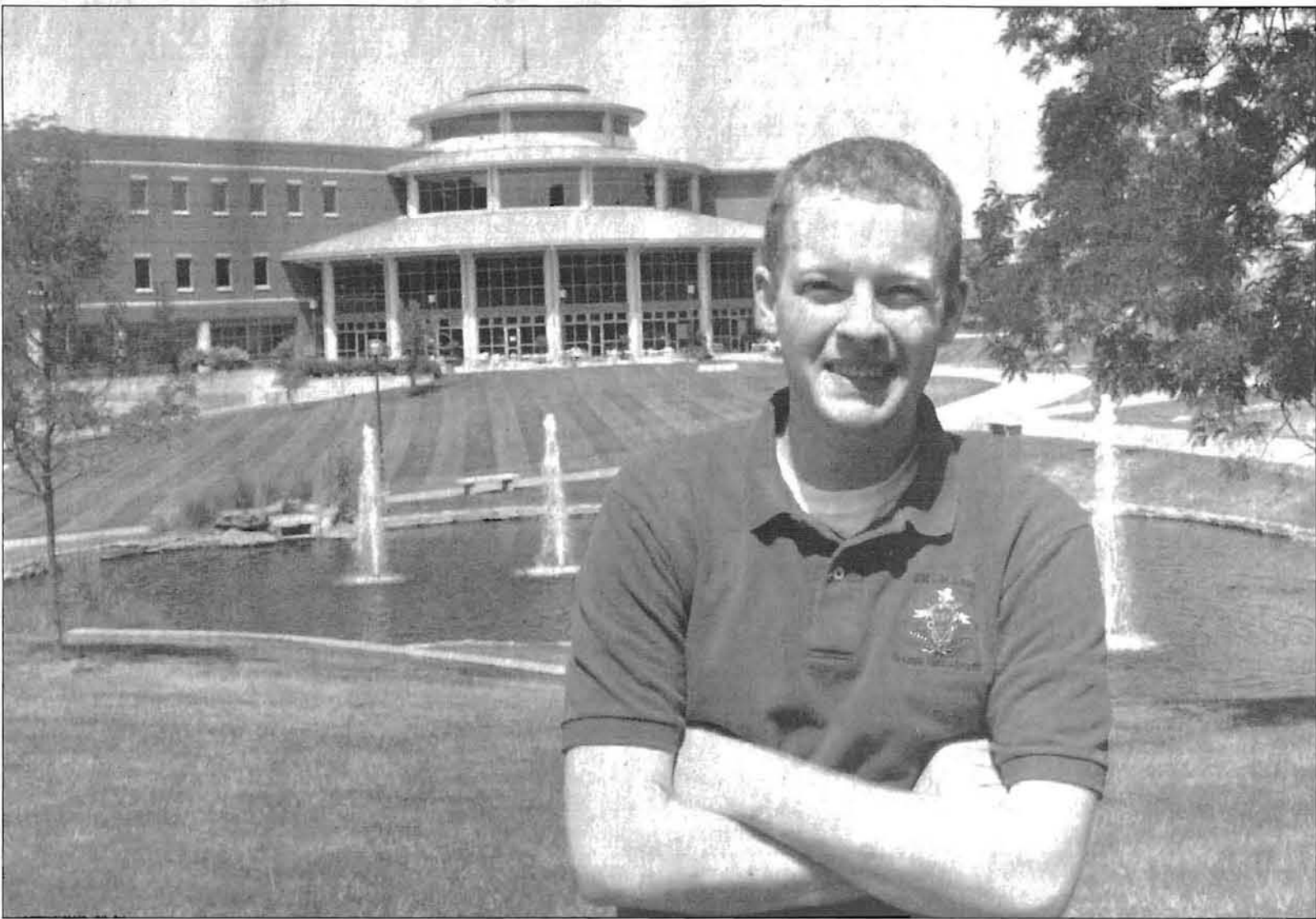
"I had a large group of friends, a very supportive family and co-workers that helped me out all the time. That was one of the main things that got me through it," he said.

Koechig's fraternity brothers in Pi Kappa Alpha also provided support as he battled lymphoma.

"I'd never seen a group of guys bond or come together to help out someone they barely knew in that situation. They were always there to keep me happy or keep me smiling," Koechig said.

Koechig never thought that he would engage himself in so many student organizations after graduating from St. Charles Community College and transferring to UM-St. Louis.

However, the experiences from taking part in campus life con-



Student Government Association President Nick Koechig took over in office July 1. Koechig interned with Sen. Jim Talent in Washington, D.C. last semester. He is also a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

tributed greatly to his recovery, shaping him into the experienced and inspiring leader that he is today.

He lists his mother and his father, who is a retired federal agent, as some of his biggest role models. Another of his biggest influences is a teacher from high school.

"He's been there for 40 years and is going through leukemia, colon cancer and rectal cancer. The whole time, he hasn't missed a day of school," Koechig said. "When I told him that I had Hodgkin's, the first thing he asked me was 'So what do you do to beat it?'"

On campus, he follows in the

footsteps of his predecessor D'Andre Braddix.

"I began to see what he had to go through as student government president and trying to tackle his job, his classes, and trying to pledge the fraternity," Koechig said.

"You have to be able to relate to different groups on campus to get things accomplished. You have to help out other people and work together in order to complete your goal. It's been a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun at the same time," he added.

Outside of his involvement on campus, Koechig has worked as a

federal intern for the Associated Students of the University of Missouri in Washington, D.C. and continues to do campaign work for Senator Talent.

As newly inaugurated president of the Student Government Association, his foremost goal is to increase involvement on campus. One way to create greater involvement is by moving people closer to the campus.

"92 percent of students commute to campus everyday, which is a huge number with the population of enrollment that we have. I'm hoping that the new resident hall and hope-

fully continuing the purchase of Mansion Hills will provide more housing opportunities for students who want to move closer to campus," Koechig said.

As a final bit of advice to incoming students, he advised, "Get involved and keep an open mind. There are a lot of organizations on campus that can attract different groups of people. I never thought that I'd be sitting here now as student government president, but getting involved on campus and getting involved in a fraternity are some of the best things that I've done since I've been here."

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Greek Life

GOING GREEK AT UMSL

Stories by Melissa McCrary

Fraternities, sororities are more than just clubs

Understanding the differences between social and professional clubs is key to initiation

When they begin a new semester or enter college for the first time, students repeatedly hear slogans such as "Get Involved" or "Go Greek."

Those who choose to go Greek must first decide which organization suits them the best and what type of group they would like to join.

UM-St. Louis offers men and women the opportunity to become members of social, professional, academic and co-ed Greek groups.

The question that might be asked is "So what is the difference."

The three social sororities that exist at UM-St. Louis are Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha.

There are also three social fraternities — Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma and Pi Kappa Alpha.

All six of these groups share common principles with promoting friendship through sisterhood and brotherhood among all of their members.

"The professional organizations have more of a professional intent united by professional goals," said Allyson Wilson, student services coordinator and Greek adviser.

"Some might promote certain fields like business, whereas the social groups have members of all different fields of study, but the



Chris Mabie, senior, criminology and criminal justice, participates in the Big Man on Campus competition. Many fraternities sponsor members in the competition that takes place during homecoming week.

majority of them all share common values."

Alpha Phi Omega, Beta Alpha Psi, Beta Sigma Kappa (International Optometric Honor Society), Delta Sigma Pi, Delta Sigma Theta, Phi

Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity, Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Gamma Rho make up the professional and academic Greek organizations at UM-St. Louis.

Alpha Phi Omega is a national co-

ed service fraternity that works to promote leadership, friendship and service. This organization's morals were founded on the principles of the Boy Scouts of America.

Robert Corder, senior, manage-

ment information systems, is president of Alpha Phi Omega. He said leadership is a matter of development.

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Fraternities, sororities rely on rush week for recruitment

Greek members hurry to hand out information about their organizations, spend hours talking to and meeting new students and organize days worth of activities and events during the week of Formal Rush.

Formal Rush takes place each year at the beginning of every Fall semester, and lasts approximately one week.

Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities and Sigma Pi, Sigma Tau Gamma and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternities usually take part in Formal Rush.

"The Fall Formal Rush and recruitment is more structured than informal rush," Tanzeena Hossain, president of Zeta Tau Alpha said. "This is a time where interested girls are given the opportunity to meet all of the different sororities. They can hang-out and see which one fits them the best."

Ashley Holmes, recruitment leader for Alpha Xi Delta, said informal rush, which normally takes place at the beginning of Winter semester is laid back and less intense than formal rush.

Despite the fact that interested men and women only attend a week's worth of events during Formal Rush, sororities and fraternities spend an immense amount of time making preparations in advance.

"Formal rush is very rewarding because it requires more time and takes more work," Holmes said. "It is more low key. Usually the girls are required to participate in different activities and meeting sessions that are divided up into different rooms. Every day there is either a party, a skit-day or a social meeting. This requires a lot of time."

Holmes said informal recruitment is easier and more manageable for girls who have jobs or commute to campus.

"Formal rush can sometimes be uncomfortable, when you're trying to make a good impression to everyone and you do not know that many people. It seems that girls who are more shy often deal better with informal," she said.

During informal rush, many sororities often arrange and organize different off-campus activities such as bowling, ice-skating and going out to dinner, where interested women can come meet the other current members, get to know one another and decide if they want to join the Greek community. Informal rush is not as competitive and selective as recruitment at the beginning of the school can be.

Rachel Smith, member of Delta Zeta, said that in order for most girls to become new members, they must receive a formal invitation from the sorority.

"Usually if we like a girl, we will invite her to a lot of our events so she can get to know most of our members," Smith said. "We will then give her an invitation to join. In order to become a member, you must be a student at UMSL and have a 2.5 cumulative GPA. We also look for involvement in high school activities or college activities along with leadership roles."

Greek clubs give back to community through service

Giving back to the community and lending a helping hand to those in need are common trends among many of the fraternities and sororities at UM-St. Louis.

Justin De La Fuente, junior, economics, and member of Sigma Tau Gamma said that his fraternity constantly looks for ways to help others. Each semester, they coordinate different community service special projects.

"This is the third year in a row that we have worked with the Christopher Reeves Foundation and have raised money through a fun basketball tournament," De La Fuente said.

Over the past three years, Sigma Tau Gamma members have held a basketball tournament to collect money

for the Christopher Reeves Paralysis Foundation, but this is the first year that all student organizations within the Greek community at UM-St. Louis participated.

The basketball game was held on May 5 in the Mark Twain Building. Students in various fraternities and sororities played two co-ed games before the final game with Greek students competing against all-star faculty members.

John Waterhouse, senior, electrical engineering and member of Sigma Tau Gamma said that the College Charity Bowl Foundation contacted them two years ago with the idea.

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Brittany Ward sings with fellow sorority sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha for breast cancer awareness month. The event is one that sororities sponsor for community service hours.

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Greek houses allow for brotherhood and sisterhood experiences



Adam D. Wiseman/ The Current

Pi Kappa Alpha President Zach Zoelner, right, speaks with other members of the fraternity last Sunday evening during their summer meeting.

Imagine living in a house where hundreds of beer cans line the floors, constant loud parties take place and many people come and go as they please.

Brian Schlittler, junior, secondary education and Sergeant of Arms for Pi Kappa Alpha, said that he has been living in his fraternity's house for the last nine months and there are numerous pros and cons with his living arrangement.

"There is a thin line between chaos and sanity. Many people party, but at the same time you have to get your school work completed," Schlittler said. "I moved in two months after I became initiated and the house was full."

Other Pi Kappa Alpha members live in two annex houses. The annex house, next door to their main fraternity house, is owned by UM-St. Louis

alumnus Glen Tope. Despite some of the disorder that frequently occurs, Schlittler said that he has enjoyed living in the house.

"Living in the house has made me respect it more and has brought me closer to the fraternity," Schlittler said. "The advantages are that it is located close to school and that it is convenient if you go out drinking with your friends because you do not have to worry about getting a DWI. One of the disadvantages is that the house is like 70 years old and it has been fixed up quite a bit."

The Pi Kappa Alpha house has three bedrooms, a living room, a basement, a kitchen and holds a maximum capacity of five members each semester. Those who live in the house pay only \$130 a month and do not have to pay for utilities.

Schlittler said that once a member

is initiated into the fraternity, they are eligible to live in the house. There is not a reflection process or any requirements to live there. "Living in the house is more about the availability," he said.

Over the semester, many might see Pi Kappa Alpha members handing out party fliers on the MSC Bridge and some might choose to attend a Pi Kappa Alpha weekend party.

"The purposes of the parties are to drink and have a good time," Schlittler said. "We get to hang out with our fraternity brothers other than at formal meetings. The parties help us have a more relaxed atmosphere and laid back environment. Parties are usually held on Friday or Saturday nights from 10:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Once it gets late, we try to get people to leave."

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"Through our leadership program, we are able to develop ourselves and as we aspire to greater things in life, we become aware of limiting factors which we can't control, the external forces that shape our destiny until we control and develop what we have inside of us," Corder said. "We discover our own talents and strive to better our skills."

In the Chapter service program, Alpha Phi Omega members build social awareness by completing service projects like blood drives, car washes and park clean-ups.

Corder said the pledging program is intended to give new members an introduction to everything they do, as well as form contacts within the chapter with current students and their advisers.

"The total cost to join is \$55, which consists of a \$20 pledge fee and a \$35 activation fee, due at the time of their rituals. Both fees go directly to the Alpha Phi Omega national office," Corder said. "Members are required to keep a 2.0 GPA, learn our history, attend regular meetings, wear pledge pins at all times, pay annual membership dues of \$15 and complete at least 20 hours of community service per semester."

"The requirements are not intended to be strict or exclusionary," he said. "In fact, we are a pretty laid back group of people."

John Adams, former member of Beta Alpha Psi and recent accounting graduate, said Beta Alpha Psi is a national Greek co-ed Honor Society that specializes in accounting and the field of business.

"The purpose of the organization



File Photo/ The Current

Many members of Greek fraternities on campus participated in the student-faculty softball game last spring.

is to network, meet professionals and use these resources when building a career," Adams said.

Accounting students are expected to complete an Accounting Major Profile Survey at the beginning of the semester, which determines a student's eligibility to become a Beta Alpha Psi member.

The Accounting Major Profile Survey is not the only factor that decides if a student can join. A GPA of 3.0 or higher is also mandated.

Adams said in the past year, Beta Alpha Psi has held over six professional events, where guest speakers attended and receptions followed.

"Along with the professional seminars, the organization has assisted Boy Scouts scouting for food, have been ushers for UMSL's com-

mencement ceremonies and have been involved in the Volunteer Income Assistance Tax Service, where we have helped low income seniors complete their tax returns," Adams said.

"This is a great professional organization that has been established for over 30 years and is still going strong," Adams said.

Whether a student is looking to meet other students with similar majors and career interests or if they just want to develop diverse friendships, becoming involved in either a social or professional Greek organization might be an option.

For information about all the Greek organizations visit the UM-St. Louis student organizations Web site at www.umsu.edu/studentlife/.

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"You have to go by a schedule with the MetroLink also. You actually schedule when to get on and when to get off, versus a car you can go whenever you want."

Redmond's advice to other incoming freshmen or transfer students is one vote for MetroLink. "I will recommend the MetroLink depending on where they stay," she said.

Theresa Welch, senior, secondary student, uses the MetroLink four days a week during the summer semester. "It's so inexpensive compared to a parking pass," Welch said. She

purchased parking passes twice before committing to using the MetroLink. "It's more convenient to drive, because I only ride it for one stop," Welch said. "I don't want to pay almost \$300 to park."

Welch recommends taking the MetroLink because it can help more than students' wallets. The additional steps can help students stay fit.

"Especially the freshmen, who are going to gain the 'Freshman 15' [15 pounds], can look at it as extra exercise," Welch said.

"If people don't ride the MetroLink,

maybe the school won't see it as beneficial and they'll cut the program," Welch said. "They're making students pay for it anyway."

Chris Merker, post-graduate, education, drives to school and uses a parking pass. "I don't really have an alternative," he said.

"If I lived closer to the heart of the city, I would probably take the MetroLink," Merker said. "It's more out of convenience. It depends where they live. St. Louis is a really sprawled out city; it seems like the majority of the people that go here drive."

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The College Charity Bowl Foundation (CCBF) is a non-profit organization that raises funds for the Christopher Reeves Paralysis Foundation (CRPF) for future research, treatments and cures with paralysis and spinal injuries.

Over 40 different colleges across the country work with CCBF. Participating colleges include Indiana State, Purdue, Hartford, Cornell University and Washington.

Throughout March and April, members of Sigma Tau Gamma sold stars in the Nosh. Every time a gold star was sold, it was placed on their banner that hung in the rotunda of the MSC.

"Last year we collected about \$1,500. Most money has come from advertisement donations from companies that will be in our game programs," Waterhouse said.

With the help and support from all of UM-St. Louis' Greek Community, they collected \$10,243.

In addition to spending hours planning and working on the basketball event, Sigma Tau Gamma has completed community service hours by hosting Halloween haunted houses in Bel Nor and Bel Ridge, delivering Thanksgiving dinners to the elderly, storytelling to children in Normandy and raising money for firemen and the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

"Every year, we do the Thanksgiving project for people who do not have that much money or who can not get out to the grocery store to buy food for their dinner," De La Fuente said.

"The main purpose of our fraternity is to make better leaders for America and to strive for superior service."

Sigma Tau Gamma is not the only Greek organization that volunteers with community service.

Alpha Xi Delta sorority frequently works with St. Vincent Children's Home in St. Louis, while members of Delta Zeta assist with St. Joseph's Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis.

In addition to working with the St.

Joseph's Institute, Delta Zeta also works with the House and Ear Institute and has partnered with the National Center for Hearing Assessment and Management (NCHAM) to start a new program called "Sound Beginnings." This awareness program focuses on hearing screenings and early hearing intervention in newborn babies.

"We have our social events and most people think that is all we do," said Rachel Smith, member of Delta Zeta.

"We also do a lot of philanthropy and service events. Every Halloween, we go to St. Joseph's and help out with their Halloween event. This past year, they had a huge fair with face painting, games, a cake walk, pumpkin carving contests and dancing, that we were in charge of."

Smith said that they worked with the Catholic Newman Center and Operation FoodSearch in December.

"A lot of us participate in as many walks for a cause as we can. We had a huge group at Relay for Life and PDK walk. We also do things for our academics like study-hours and a mentor/protégé program," she said.

Along with their social events and mixers with fraternities, Zeta Tau Alpha sorority also collects money for various non-profit organizations.

Zeta Tau Alpha's national philanthropy is breast cancer education and awareness.

Last October, Members of Zeta Tau Alpha held a variety of "Think Pink" events including Courage Nights and partnered with the Young Survival Coalition (YSC) to educate the community about breast cancer and to offer support to survivors. They also put on a "Think Pink Lip Sync" to collect funds for the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

While numerous professional and academic sororities and fraternities require service hours to be conducted each semester, almost all of the social Greek groups have different philanthropies or non-profit organizations in St. Louis that they work with directly.

Fraternities

ΠΚΑ

Pi Kappa Alpha

Colors: Garnet and Gold
Founded: March 1, 1868
- University of Virginia

ΣΤΤ

Sigma Tau Gamma

Colors: Azure Blue and White
Founded: June 28, 1920
- Central Missouri State University

ΣΠ

Sigma Pi

Colors: Lavender and Gold
Founded: Feb. 12, 1897 - Vincennes University, Indiana

Sororities

ΑΞΔ

Alpha Xi Delta

Colors: Dark Blue, Light Blue and Gold
Founded: April 17, 1893
- Lombard College, Galesburg

ΔΖ

Delta Zeta

Colors: Rose and Green
Founded: Oct. 24, 1902 - Miami University, Ohio

ZTA

Zeta Tau Alpha

Colors: Steel Gray Turquoise Blue
Founded: Oct. 15, 1898 - Longwood College, Virginia

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Cultivate your appetite for international affairs

BY NAKENYA SHUMATE
Staff Writer

You may not be aware of all of the entertaining events offered right here on campus. Many events offered by the Center for International Studies fascinate even the most laid back student.

What is The Center of International Studies? According to their website, "the central mission of the Center for International Studies is supporting the international research of a talented and growing cadre of international studies faculty."

What it does not tell you is that the Center is not just a mission statement or even a calendar of nice and entertaining events. Whether you have interest in travel, global studies or other cultures, the Center for International Studies can provide opportunities and information to further those interests.

If you are thinking of incorporating a bit of international flair into your studies (and you should), then a good starting point is to embrace these intercultural experiences. Whether you are taking a foreign language for fun or as a requirement, learning about another culture will only aid your efforts to reach proficiency.

For the upcoming semester, students and faculty can satisfy their curiosity with an extensive performing arts series offering many diverse musical ensembles, lectures and conferences. Attending these events can help facilitate networking and may also make for a unique date.

Upcoming CIS Events

The following events will take place at the Touhill PAC during the fall semester:

- Sept. 23
Chinese Music Masters. Three by Three Chinese Style: Sheng, Er Wu and Flute.

- Nov. 3
Rembetika: Music of the Greek Demi Monde. Featuring vocalist Grigoris Maninakos and The Mikrokosmos Ensemble.

- Nov. 8-9
Windows: A One Man Play About Bill Gates. This play is by Matias Greffrath and will be performed by Clemes Schick. It will be performed in English on Nov. 8 and in German on Nov. 9.

- Nov. 16
East Winds Ensemble: Japan in Music and Dance.

Other CIS events to be held on campus:

- Oct. 6
African Studies: Nigerian Independence Day Event.

- Nov. 2
Irish Studies: Irish Music Today. This event will Pat and Cathy Sky, a pipes and fiddle duo. It will be held in the Music Building, Room 205.

- Nov. 16
On the Tip of Every Tongue. Featuring harmonicas and other artifacts from the German Harmonica Museum in Trossingen, Germany. It will be held in Gallery 210.

- Oct. 6
Lingo Tech: A Concert for Students of German Featuring Uwe Kind. It will be held in the Lee Theatre.

- Oct. 19
Irish Masters Concert Tour: Echos of Erin. This event will be held in the JCP Auditorium.

To further expand your horizons with these events or to join the mailing list visit <http://www.umsu.edu/services/cis>.

Campus Entertainment

Events at UMSL will bring music to your ears

Student-run radio station is on the move

BY MELISSA S. HAYDEN
News Editor

The new student-run radio station, The U, first went on air in April, but plans are already started for creating an improved studio and moving from a cramped studio in the Research Building to the Millennium Student Center.

Charles Granger, Curator's teaching professor of biology, has been assisting the students working on The U and even letting them use space in his office as a broadcasting studio as a co-advisor.

Granger said the construction costs for the project have not been finalized at this time. "We are trying to get at least three bids on pricing for the project," he said.

Jim Singer, lecturer for the theater and dance department, who is currently acting as faculty advisor for The U, said "this is my first go around with this stuff, trying to find money for operational costs."

The proposed new location for The U's studio is in the waiting area in front of the Center for Student Success and the Office of Transfer Services on the second floor of the MSC. The studio would take up about half of the space, leaving the other half to continue to be used as a waiting area.

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Where to find music on campus

BY MABEL SUEN
Features Editor

While the Touhill Performing Arts Center remains an important venue on campus for concerts, there are still many other places in and around UM-St. Louis that play host to performances and exhibitions that can help broaden students' experiences with music.

The best part is that most of these are either free or discounted for students. The following are some places to look for some sounds on University grounds.

Music Department

Website: <http://www.umsu.edu/~music>

The music department features student, faculty and ensemble performances from a variety of talented UM-St. Louis musicians. They sponsor everything from vocal, musical and theatrical groups to jazz, symphonic and percussion ensembles. There are also performances from the Arianna String Quartet. See the website for a monthly schedule of concert listings from all of the above groups and more.

University Program Board

Website: http://www.myspace.com/UMSL_UPB

The UPB has sponsored several social events for students such as "Jazz in the Quad" and "Salsa Magic." In the fall, they offer discounted tickets for events such as musicals and concert. In the spring, an annual celebration called Mirthday features local bands and touring acts such as Twista and Reel Big Fish in previous years. A beach party hosted

in the new dorms will take place on Aug. 25 featuring special guests from the MTV show "The Real World" and music from UM-St. Louis DJs. For more events throughout the year, check out UPB on Facebook or MySpace and keep your eyes peeled for announcements on the MSC bridge's scrolling marquee and various advertisements. To get involved with UPB, visit their office in Student Life on the third floor of the MSC.

Center for International Studies
Website: <http://www.umsu.edu/services/cis>

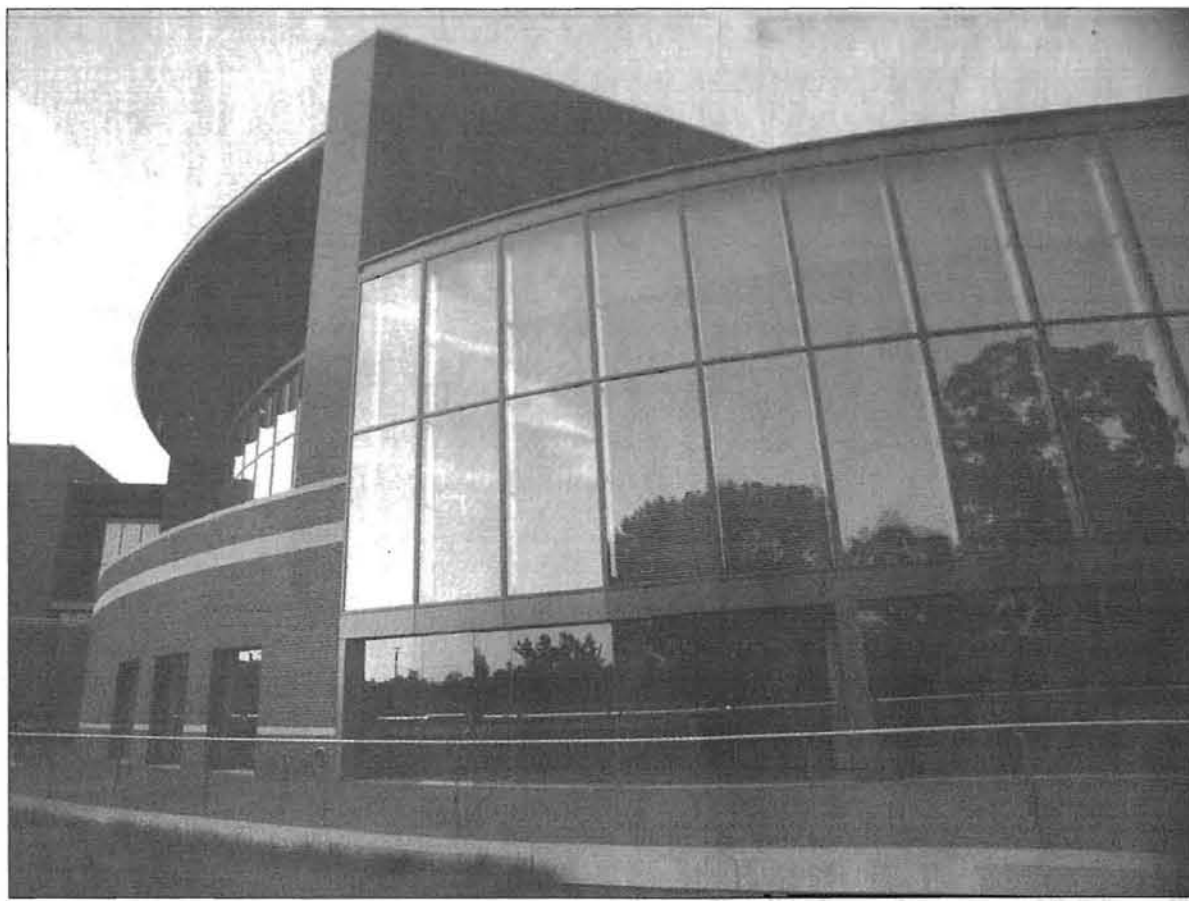
The Center for International Studies sponsors several events targeted to benefit all types of audiences with culturally enriching experiences. The International Performing Arts series features performers from all around the world such as China, Ireland and Africa. See their website for a full calendar listing.

Pilot House

Website: www.umsu.edu/~msc

The Pilot House is a venue utilized by several student organizations such as the Indian Students Organization's for their Diwali Night in addition to various other celebrations, talent shows and performances. Located on the bottom floor of the Millennium Student Center, the colorful and creative space allows for several different groups to demonstrate their talents. Check for tables in the MSC, the MSC rotunda and any surfaces plastered with flyers to learn more about events being held here.

The Touhill is campus' premiere venue for entertainment



File Photo: Mike Sherwin/ The Current

The Touhill Performing Arts Center officially opened in 2003 and is named after former chancellor Blanche Touhill. The center has two theatres, the Anheuser Busch Theater and the Lee Theater.

BY CATE MARQUIS
Staff Writer

Whether your tastes run to stand-up comedy or opera, the campus' premiere venue is the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

The Touhill season offers a variety of arts and entertainment choices for students, faculty, staff and the general public. The program runs from stand up and ensemble comedy to operas, plays, dance, symphonic music and lots of jazz. Besides all these varied offerings, there are programs and events even harder to categorize. Ticket prices vary with the program but many programs are free and students get discounts for tickets.

Every student should check out at least one program at this beautiful facility.

The Touhill is not only the location for performing arts on campus but also a beautiful sight in its own right. If you have never been in the Touhill, you owe it to yourself to take at least a look at this campus gem. Take a stroll through the elegant sweep of its lobby, enjoy the beautiful vista outside its large windows, and then enter the main hall of the facility to see the gleaming wood, glass and polished metal of this beautiful, multi-level performance space. But to best appreciate

the Touhill, you should take in one of the great shows on their varied schedule.

The Touhill season offers a wide range of entertainment and arts choices. This summer's offerings include "All That Tap," a festival of tap dance, on July 29. New shows are added throughout the season but here are a few of the programs already scheduled. There are options for nearly every taste.

Do you like comedy? The Touhill starts out its fall season with comic Wayne Brady of TV's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" "What's On" magazine describes Brady as "quick witted" and says he is "so darn good at improv comedy it's enough to make your head spin." Wayne Brady brings a combination of improv comedy and music to the Touhill for an energetic show on Sept. 16. On Oct. 29, legendary comic Bob Newhart takes to stage. Newhart's "average man" comic persona is a perennial favorite, his comic source for his satirical stand-up humor just as it was on his several TV comedies. Once again, the Second City improv comedy troupe is scheduled to return to the Touhill on May 11 of next year.

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Finding fine art and films on campus

BY CATE MARQUIS
Staff Writer

Besides music and the performing arts, there are other arts and entertainment available to students on the UM-St. Louis campus. Campus fine art exhibits run year round and film series and screenings appear throughout the year as well.

If you are feeling stressed by classes, an "art break" can be a refreshing and re-energizing experience. Art can enlighten and delight. It takes you into another world or gives you a new perspective on this one. A quick tour of an art exhibit takes your mind off the pressures of student life and allows you to step outside the ordinary and into a different world. The experience can be both enjoyable and enlightening, and allows you to return to your class work with a refreshed mind. Luckily for us, the UM-St. Louis campus has a number of fine art galleries, so it is easy to take an "art break." And they are free.

Among the many places where you can take in fine art on campus is Gallery 210. Gallery 210 is really a hidden art gem of the St. Louis area, which has displayed world-class art over the years. This gallery displays a variety of art media, including painting, photography, sculpture, and mixed media, often works by nationally or internationally noted artists. The works range from contemporary to historic in theme, from local to the far reaches of the globe. The exhibits change throughout the year, and new exhibits generally open with a reception with refreshments, free and open to all. Gallery 210 is located in the Telecommunications Building, which is next to the North Campus Metrolink station, near both the Millennium Student Center and the Touhill Performing Arts Center. The gallery has two exhibit halls, A and B, and frequently runs two exhibits simultaneously.

The current exhibit in Hall B, which runs through Aug. 8, is the German Harmonica Museum's traveling exhibit "On the Tip of Every

Tongue." The exhibit has over 700 harmonicas and accordions, some dating from as far back as 1850, plus films and materials about the history of this instrument. The exhibit is sponsored by the University's German Cultural Center and Center for International Studies. There will be an opening reception on July 14 at the gallery, which will feature the director of the German Harmonica Museum in Germany, Martin Haefner, who will give a short talk on the exhibit. There will also be a performance by the Gateway Harmonica Club.

In Gallery 210's Hall A, the exhibit is "Exposure 9," an exhibit of works by local artists Nanette Erika Boileau, Peter Pranske, Mike Schuh and B.J. Vogt. The exhibit runs through Aug. 12.

The exhibits in Gallery 210 are free and open to all. Information on Gallery 210 exhibits, hours and events is available by phone at 516-6620 or online at www.umsu.edu/services/ur/media/newsrel.



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Gallery Visio, located in the Millennium Student Center features several different painting and photo exhibits throughout the year.

Art by UM-St. Louis students is on display at Gallery Visio, a student-run art gallery that displays the surprising level of artistic talent found on campus. Gallery Visio is found in the lower level of the MSC, just off the Nosh and before you reach the Pilot House. The convenient location makes it easy to drop in for a quick tour of the gallery's current exhibit.

On July 14, artist and educator Jesus Macarena-Avila will discuss ofrendas, the decorated offerings and altars to commemorate the deceased that are popular in Mexico.

A related exhibit by three Latina artists will be installed in November. You can learn more about Gallery Visio exhibits by calling 516-7922.

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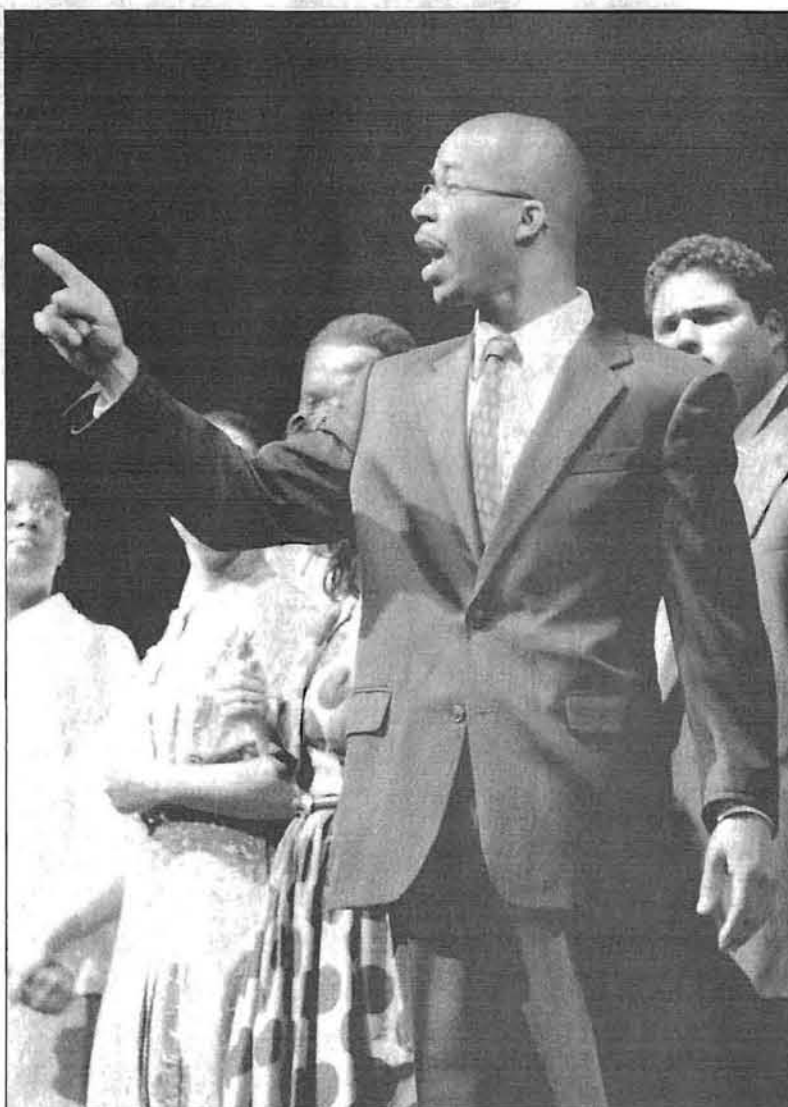
How about an opera? The Touhill once again offers the campus a number of classic opera favorites, performed by professional touring opera companies.

This year's program includes Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" on Nov. 11, "Lucia Di Lammermoor" on Jan. 20 and "Turandot" on Feb. 11. Each opera is performed by Teatro Lirico D'Europa, with full staging, in its original language with English subtitles. For more on the operas and the opera company, visit their website at www.jennykellyproductions.com/prod_teatro_review_turandot.htm.

If opera is not your kind of music there are plenty of other music choices at the Touhill. Fans of classic music might choose Ariana String Quartet's Shostakovich Celebration on Sept. 24 and 25. These talented musicians are UM-St. Louis artists-in-residence, and checking out one of their concerts is both enjoyable and educational. On Oct. 25, conductor David Robertson and members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra join with the London-based Synergy Vocals for a concert to honor composer Steve Reich's 70th birthday. Steve Reich was called "America's greatest living composer" by the Village Voice and is noted for his originality and unique rhythms. On Jan. 17, we get a performance of Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale," in which the composer drew on musical sources such as jazz, ragtime and waltz to tell the story of a deserting soldier who meets the devil.

Fans of vocal music might also be interested in "Acappelloza," a free event of a cappella singing Sept. 26 and 27. Other concerts by singers of note include worldwide bestseller singer Sissel on Oct. 10 and cross-genre singer CeCe Winans, whose voice was described by Rolling Stone as "a glorious instrument" on Oct. 15. Holiday programs include Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker on Dec. 3, the ensemble singing magic of The Ambassadors of Harmony on Dec. 10 and a holiday treat from the Grammy-winning Manhattan Transfer on Dec. 13.

If you did not get enough dancing with the Nutcracker, there is "Les Folies Russes," a dance extravaganza with over 50 dancers in a dazzling array of feathers, sequined and colorful costumes. This performance that



File Photo/ The Current

The Touhill Performing Arts Center will showcase many plays, operas, musical groups, ballets and even a fashion show during its upcoming 2006-2007 season.

has played to ovations worldwide will appear here on Mar. 13.

Variety is the word for Touhill music offerings. On Oct. 14, folk singer Arlo Guthrie comes to the Touhill with "The Guthrie Family Legacy Tour." The son of folk legend Woody Guthrie, he achieved his own fame with 60s era hits "Alice's restaurant" and "City of New Orleans," and he brings a playful humor to his thought provoking music. Martin Luther King is honored on Jan. 14 with a performance by the Harlem Gospel Choir. The Grammy-winning husband and wife singers Marilyn McCoo and Billy Davis, Jr. grace the Touhill stage on Feb. 14 for a heck of a Valentine's Day concert. Tenor Michael Amante crosses the classical-pop music divide with his four-octave range voice in an evening of Broadway, classic and pop music on

Feb. 17. Like drums and percussion? One of the hits of Symphony conductor David Robertson's musical Fusion Series, "Explosions: Percussion Festival" returns on March 20 to get your feet tapping.

Big Band music and jazz always get a special place on the Touhill calendar. On Nov. 7, jazz bassist Jim Widner and his Big Band take us back to the 50s with "Simply Sinatra." On Jan. 21, it is The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra. Contemporary jazz trumpeter star Chris Botti is back on Jan. 27.

How about Big Band revival, when Big Bad Voodoo Daddy, a band leading the Big Band revival and stars of the movie "Swingers," performs on Apr. 28.

There is even a fashion show, when the Touhill plays host to the Ebony Fashion Fair on Dec. 2.

ARTS & FILMS, from page 12

Other places to find fine art on campus include the office of the Public Policy Research Center, which also often has free receptions to kick off its latest exhibit, the campus' Thomas Jefferson Library, which also houses the Mercantile Library's fine collection of books on the art, architecture and history of St. Louis, and the lobby of the computer science building, which has a number of large striking paintings by noted artists on display.

Film series that display cinema as both art and entertainment can also be found on campus. Every spring, the Department of Foreign Languages hosts a foreign film festival, featuring acclaimed films in languages such as French, Spanish and Japanese. Check with the department for schedules, dates and films. Other campus organizations have also hosted film series. The Association of Black Collegians

hosted a film series early in the semester last spring and they may plan a film series for next year as well. The Philosophy Club hosted a film screening in the last academic year as well. The Newman Center hosted a film screening as part of its Human Rights Week events. Other academic departments and clubs have hosted film series as well, with themes ranging from politics to drive-in movies.

The best way to find out about film series on campus to check The Current, in print or online at www.thecurrentonline.com, or the campus calendar online at www.ums.edu, then click on "calendar."

There are other art and entertainment experiences that are offered on campus. The best way to keep up with these is to check out the campus calendar on the UM-St. Louis website.

RADIO, from page 12

Singer said the main studio is going to have a large, double-paned window, so students can watch the DJs and staff while they work.

"We are looking into getting baffling, so we won't have noise creeping in from outside," he said.

He said the station's new location would also have space for a smaller back-up studio and a conference room.

"The only problem we'll have is in storage, that's if we get prizes and giveaways, stuff like that. That would be a good problem, though," he said.

The U is also planning to have another studio located at the bottom level of the new residential hall on South Campus. This studio would have the same equipment as the MSC studio.

The changes for The U may not be limited to the new studios; they are looking into getting a license from the Federal Communications Commission for a larger broadcast area than the station previously had.

"These are our dream plans right now," Singer said.

Granger said the administration has been very supportive. "It's been

really an interdisciplinary approach," he said.

Both Granger and Singer agreed that Chancellor Thomas George is "on board" with the idea.

"He seems real excited since we brought the idea to him," Singer said.

Singer said that campus support has been nothing, but positive. "We have talented people in the right places," he said.

Singer said he is excited about the possibilities the station will provide to the students working for The U and the students who tune in to listen to the station. "It's a good draw to bring students into the University and we'll all be proud," he said.

"As soon as the students got on board, it just went like a prairie fire," said Granger.

Granger said The U would add a dimension of community that has not been able to be established at the University.

"There are so many neat things going on on campus that people never hear about," he said.

"It's very important that we are creative and that we will be community-minded," Granger said.

**What is there
You see?**

Here are some events scheduled at the Touhill PAC that will help broaden your experiences at UM-St. Louis:

Comedy

•Sept. 16
Wayne Brady

•Oct. 29
Bob Newhart

Dance

•July 29
"All that Tap"

Opera

•Nov. 11
"Madame Butterfly"

Classical Music

•Sept. 24 and 25
Ariana String Quartet

Vocal Music

•Sept. 26 and 27
"Acappelloza"



•Oct. 10
Sissel

•Oct. 15
CeCe Winans

Fashion

•Oct. 15
Ebony Fashion Fair

More Touhill events can be found on their website at www.touhill.org when you click on "Events." You will want to check the schedule periodically, as they add new shows throughout the year.


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- ☐ 4 Pillow Protectors
- ☐ 1 Mattress Pad
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- 2005-2006 Record: 14-13

Women's Basketball

- Head Coach: Lee Buchanan
- 2005-2006 Record: 16-12

Men's Golf

- Head Coach: Dustin Ashby
- 2005-2006 Record: Ranked 4th at SIUE Cougart Classic

Women's Golf

- Head Coach: James Earl
- 2005-2006 Record: Ranked 1st at McKendree Tournament

Men's Soccer

- Head Coach: Dan King
- 2005 Record: 4-9-4

Women's Soccer

- Head Coach: Beth Goetz
- 2005 Record: 12-8-0

Men's Tennis

- Head Coach: Rick Gyllenberg
- 2005-2006 Record: 6-12

Women's Tennis

- Head Coach: Rick Gyllenberg
- 2005-2006 Record: 3-8

Volleyball

- Head Coach: Josh Lauer
- 2005 Record: 6-22

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Introduction to UMSL Athletics

11 teams compete in NCAA Div. II

To evaluate UM-St. Louis athletics, it is first necessary to understand the position the school is in. For starters, this is an NCAA Division II school.

Being at the NCAA Division II level places certain rules and restrictions on the University that administrators and coaches have to follow, but for the sports fan the important thing to know is that it generally gives us athletes that are a step below Division I schools, like Saint Louis University, and a step above Division III schools, like Washington University.

With that said, we would compare our athletic program to universities like UM-Rolla, SIU-Edwardsville or Truman State.

UM-St. Louis competes against a set of 14 schools in what

is known as the Great Lakes Valley Conference. Our athletic ranking, nationally, is first determined by our conference standing, then regional standing and finally, national standing.

Eleven teams compete during the fall and winter semesters: men's and women's soccer, basketball, tennis and golf; baseball, softball and women's volleyball.

Even though UM-St. Louis does not compete against large schools like Mizzou, the Great Lakes Valley Conference is by no means weak.

Although the buzz about athletics is diminished by the lack of Div. I teams, the relatively small scale of UM-St. Louis athletics allows for fans to get close to the action on the field or court. And the best part about UM-St. Louis athletics is that all home games are free for all students.

Women's Soccer

Coach Goetz looks for student success on and off the field

BY LAQUAN FUSE
Sports Editor

Women's soccer head coach Beth Goetz enters her tenth year as coach for the Riverwomen. During her time at UM-St. Louis, Goetz has led the team to a record of 96-76-6 and eight consecutive years Great Lakes Valley Conference tournaments.

Last season, the soccer team finished the season 12-8 before losing 1-0 to Wisconsin-Parkside in the in the GLVC tournament quarterfinals.

Goetz's coaching philosophy makes academics the number one priority for players on the team, with soccer coming in second. The players' social life comes in third on the list of priorities.

For the third consecutive year, the Riverwomen soccer team had the most students who received GLVC Academic All-Conference honors.

Mary Behrmann (Swansea, Ill.), Cassidy Bloom (Rapid City, S.D.), Lindsey Millikan (Houston, Tx.), Meghan Tragesser (Belleville, Ill.), Angela Red (Danville, Ill.), Erin Sanders (St. Louis, Mo.), Christian Wasniewski (Troy, Mich.) and Emily

Worley were among the UM-St. Louis students who were recognized for their academic accomplishments. Worley earned GLVC Academic All-Conference honors all four years here at UMSL.

"We want, as a team, to show that academics is a priority and that we don't only excel on the field, but also in the classroom," Goetz said. "We're not just recruiting athletes. We're recruiting student-athletes who we know are going to be successful."

Goetz credits Tracy and Ray Leone, former co-head coaches at Clemson University, as being her most influential coaches during her time as a soccer player. Tracy Leone was also the assistant coach to the women's national soccer team until last year.

"She (Leone) is the one who really pushed me into coaching," Goetz said. "She knew I was going to grad school and she kept saying 'just try it out, try it out.' Ray, her husband, was very motivational and very demanding and intense at the same time. I think I took a lot of that into account when I first started coaching. And of course, it takes you a couple of years to feel



File Photo/ The Current

Coach Beth Goetz speaks to the women's soccer team before a game. The women's soccer team is one of 11 UM-St. Louis sports teams in Division II college athletics.

comfortable with what your style's going to be and what you like."

As a coach, Goetz learned the importance of getting to know each player individually.

"With coaching women, the hardest thing is you cannot coach each kid the same way," Goetz said. "I don't know what it's like on the guys' side but on the women's side that doesn't work because there are women that

need and want that Type A dominant coach that's yelling at them and pushing at them. And the girl standing next to her needs to be patted on the back.

"One of the lessons that I learned early on is you can't coach the entire team the exactly the same way. You have to have the same rules and same demands and expectations, but your delivery to each individual sometimes has to be very different," Goetz said.

This year, Goetz will coach 14 new additions to the women's soccer team as well as eight returning players. Nine of the new players are transfer students and the other five are freshmen.

"All of our returnees feel like this is an opportunity to remake the team. To look at what they liked about the team before and keep that and change the things that they'd like to change," Goetz said.

Rec Sports

Rec Sports lets everyone have a shot

BY MOLLY BUYAT
Staff Writer

Getting involved in campus activities can make the four years in college some of the most memorable experiences of a young life.

UM-St. Louis has over 120 organizations that can help students make new friends and find something to do that they really enjoy. Some examples of these organizations are student government, Greek life, special interest clubs and of course recreational sports.

Intramural sports at UM-St. Louis are huge social gatherings that bring different types of people together, doing a wide variety of individual and team sports that are both competitive and fun. They offer competitions in sports including soccer, basketball,

darts, volleyball, flag football and even dodge ball.

Julie Williams, junior, business administration was part of a team in the Women's 3 on 3 basketball tournament this past winter and won first place.

"Playing Rec sports at UMSL gave me a chance to meet a lot of new people that I would not have had the chance to meet anywhere else," Williams said. "It also gave me a way to let off some pre-finals stress!"

Rec sports are not just for non-athletes at UMSL. There are a lot of student-athletes who join in on the fun during their off-season. Women's soccer player Sierra Ellis has been active in intramural sports since she first started going to UM-St. Louis. Ellis has been a part of the basketball, dodge ball and indoor soccer tournaments.

"Playing Rec Sports at UMSL gave me the chance to spend some time away from the girls on my team that I see everyday and have some fun with sports that I used to play all the time," Ellis said.

"I get to see the people in my building a lot more when I play intramurals and that gives me the chance to meet their friends and roommates," said Ellis, who lives in the University Meadows apartments. "So it really opens a lot of doors as far as creating a bigger social life."

Finding out how to get involved in intramural sports is not hard at UM-St. Louis. The Office of Student Life posts flyers around campus and frequently sends out e-mail announcing when a team is forming or updating students on upcoming activities.

Intramurals are played during the



File Photo/ The Current

Students can form their own teams with intramural sports.

appropriate season for the sport and are also divided into individual/dual sports and team sports.

To sign up for any activity, fill out an entry form in the Rec Sports Office located in room 203 in the Mark Twain Building and pick up the semester

intramural schedule. All the activities are free to students and the variety of sports offered means there is bound to be something for everyone.

For any questions, contact Larry Coffin in the Campus Recreations Office at 516-5326.

Staff Viewpoint

College expenses got you down? Here's some helpful tips

Even for the most experienced college student, a new semester can be daunting. There are so many variables to consider: textbook prices, new professors, new subjects, living arrangements, parking hassles, making new friends, finding time to sleep, party and study and having enough money for it all.

The beginning of a semester is delicate because you question whether college is something you really, really want to do.

Perhaps you will drop that pesky math class, you think. Maybe you should cut back on hours at work. The next thing you know, you're facing midterms and then finals, and your stress-o-meter is about to explode like a fireworks finale on the Fourth of July.

Well, you are in luck because I have felt your pain and for the first time ever I will share with the public my personal stress relieving tips, guaranteed to get you through the toughest, most time-consuming semester or you can get your money back.

Soon you will begin to seriously consider your college living arrangements.

For some this may mean dorm rooms, sharing an apartment and rent with a roommate or staying with your parents.

Either way, there will be unavoidable situations where you will want more space, privacy and time to yourself.

Lucky for you, free "housing" is available and is conveniently already included in your tuition.

The many lush grassy areas on campus provide just the right amount of cushion if you have a sleeping bag with at least 1300 grams of filling.

Sleep under the stars and wake up the next morning refreshed and ready for class.

Investing in an umbrella might also be a good idea, but that's entirely up to you. Or if you would like to think of rainy nights as nature's shower system, Zest makes a nice solid bar of soap that truly complements rainwater.

After your living arrangements are



By NAKENYA SHUMATE
Staff Writer

taken care of, you will want to make new friends but your course load may be a problem.

It is late August and a heat wave is passing through. It is a Sunday afternoon and all of your friends call you to tell you they decided to go swimming. You can't go because you have to meet your study group on campus to study for a major test. Not only are you bummed, but you are hot and frustrated.

Well, there is no need to be any longer. Now you can swim with your

friends and meet with your study group at the same time.

UM-St. Louis is fortunately home to three cool, luxurious, dare I say, spa-like ponds. Call your study group and let them know that instead of the library you all will meet by one of these attractive bodies of water.

Then call your friends and tell them that you have the perfect place for them to swim (and it's free). Problem solved.

So you have friends, study time and a cool place to stay; now you need textbooks. Check the library before you put out \$100 on the new 15th edition textbook your professor told you they "required." You can probably find the 13th or 14th editions at the library and as long as you keep renewing it, you can keep it all semester long.

Don't worry about having an older edition; if it was missed through the first 14 editions it probably wasn't that important anyway.

With that extra money in your pocket you might think it is okay to splurge on food.

However, before you empty your wallet on pizza every day, you should consider the largely overlooked UM-St. Louis meal plan option that is 100 percent free of charge and offers a limitless buffet of scrumptious food.

The plan allows you to simply peruse the tables of the cafeteria until you see someone eating something that looks good to you.

Very casually approach the person and tell them that you are a mystery shopper and you need to sample their meal for quality purposes.

Do this as many times as necessary until you are full. Taking part in this meal plan may also bring you countless new friends and you will never worry about dining alone.

Now then, you have living arrangements, books, time for your friends and plenty of cheap food; the rest is up to you.

Good luck and should you feel the need to reward me with some type of monetary contribution please send a bank transfer to account # 0710200606 c/o the Bank of Zurich, Switzerland.

Diverse organizations at UMSL

Here's a list of organizations to join:

- AISEC: An international platform to discover and develop potential through international internships
- Associated Black Collegiates and African American Leadership Council: Focuses on activities and issues germane to African American students and culture
- Black Student Nurses Association: A support group for Black student nurses;
- Center for Human Origin and Cultural Diversity: Focuses on teaching about the origin of humans on earth and the significance of both biological and cultural diversity
- Chinese Student Association: Informs and promotes Chinese cultural exchange among all the students.
- Hispanic-Latino Association: Provides opportunities to broaden awareness, knowledge, and experience of the Hispanic culture
- Korean Student Association: Focuses on activities and issues germane to Korean students and culture
- Muslim Student Association: Focuses on activities and issues germane to Muslim students and culture
- National Optometric Student Association: Recruits ethnic minorities into optometry and serves communities of color
- Prizm: Promotes GLBT social activities with a focus on defeating negative stereotypes by hosting events

Campus Diversity

The Diversity Task Force welcomes you to UMSL

A large part of a student's college education is preparation for an increasingly diverse society. At UM-St. Louis diversity is valued, appreciated, and promoted. Campus life and educational programs serve a wide variety of diversity interests.

A few of the campus-wide initiatives that include staff, students, and faculty are the Office of Multicultural Relations, Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity, Institute for Women's and Gender Studies, Disability Access Services and the Office of Equal Opportunity.

Students are able to access services and participate in a wide variety of activities that are multicultural in nature and those more unique to special interests. These include:

We encourage all in-coming students, faculty and staff to experience the rich mosaic of campus life and activities. We also encourage all members of the university community to increasingly take advantage of opportunities for exposure to the full montage of national and international cultures.

You'll find it not only rewarding but also informative. Exposure promises to raise awareness of the significant role multiple cultural groups play on campus and in society, in the past and today.

Moreover, we value your input and seek to nurture an environment of inclusion so all people feel welcome on our campus. This is a work in progress; hence, we continue to strive to make our campus life better and better, looking for areas that may need attention.

Our credo: Unity, Harmony and the Respect for Different Points of View –

is at the center of forward-thinking concepts of pluralism, diversity and multiculturalism.

An aim of the task force is to broaden horizons by fostering a worldview to advance our society, locally and globally, while maintaining a competitive edge. Globalization is not abstract, it is real. We, therefore, seek to educate, advocate and practice diversity throughout all segments of our campus.


Welcome to UM-St. Louis! We invite you to experience the exciting, stimulating and dynamic ambience of campus diversity.

Submitted by the Task Force on Diversity

The Task Force on Diversity is a campus-wide group, established by Chancellor Thomas F. George.

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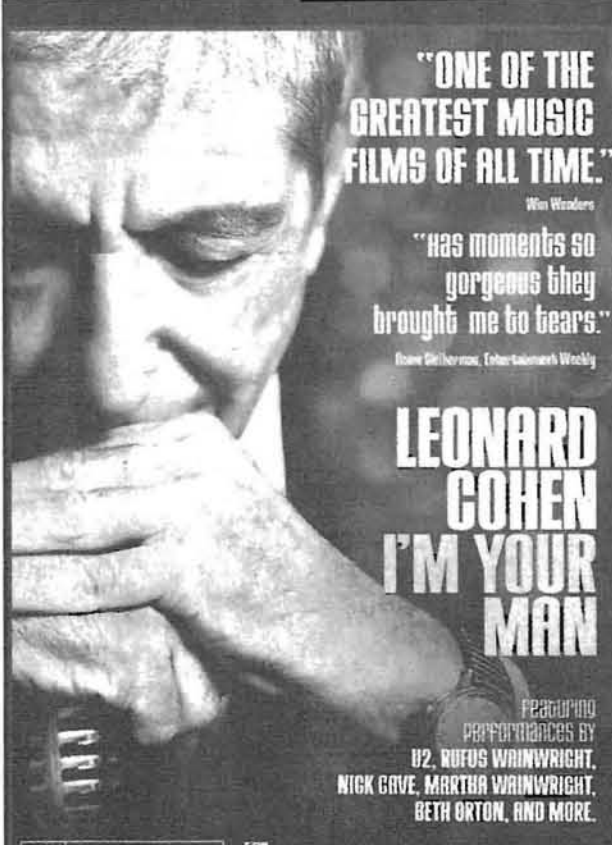
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Taurus April 20-May 20

Have you ever considered that maybe filling your living room with your massive collection of Beanie Babies is not the same thing as having a bunch of friends over for a huge party every weekend? So, please stop bragging to your co-workers.

Gemini May 21-June 21

No, that wasn't your long-lost twin you saw walking around the mall the other day. You merely walked past a mirror. Besides, your long-lost twin doesn't want to see you anyway.

Cancer June 22-July 22

You may want to stop wearing plaid. After four years of plaid every day people are starting to wonder about your sanity and PETA is not thrilled with you for all the poor, little plaids that were killed to make your wardrobe.

Leo July 23-August 22

Stop worrying about what people are saying about you behind your



back. It's the things they're saying right to your face that you're too dumb to understand that should have you concerned.

Virgo August 23-September 22

You really should see somebody about that rash. Oozing pus is never a sign that good things are coming your way.

Libra September 23-October 22

Perhaps you should stop dressing your dog in Gucci and carrying it around in a Louis Vuitton bag when

Horoscopes for July 10 through July 16

your last new outfit came from Wal-Mart and you found your handbag on Metrolink.

Scorpio October 23 - Nov. 21

I don't think that leftover barbeque from the fourth is good for eating anymore. Not that it was good to begin with, I see cooking lessons in your future.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's good that you have such a large ego. It helps take up space in that empty head of yours.

Capricorn Dec. 22-January 19

Finding comfortable clothes that fit just right to wear to the gym can be hard for anyone; especially in your case, when it's just hard enough finding clothes in a large enough size to even fit you.

Aquarius January 20-Feb. 18

Hey, didn't I used to date your mom?

Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

I have but only two wise words to offer Pisces this week: "fish taco."

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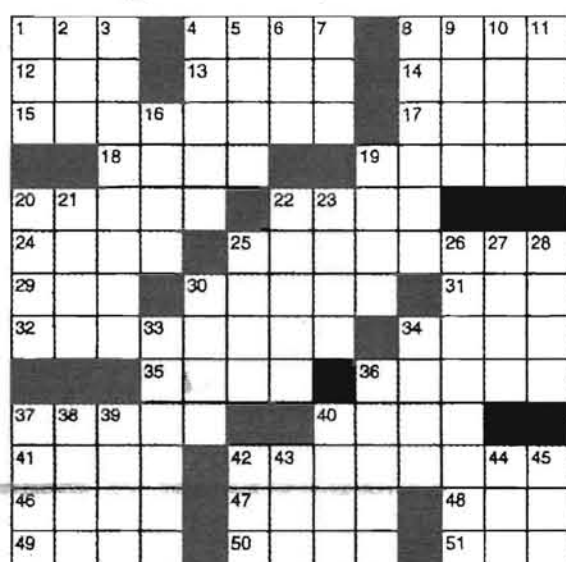
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ACROSS

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- 8 Chantilly, e.g.
- 12 Stern's opposite
- 13 Watson's partner
- 14 Emblem
- 15 Seafood picnic
- 17 Flex
- 18 Yuletide refrain
- 19 Reacts to yeast
- 20 Spread outward
- 22 Dressed
- 24 Remark re Yorick
- 25 Suggested
- 29 Tie up the phone
- 30 Intonation
- 31 Environment-friendly
- 32 Cold symptom
- 34 Injury
- 35 Guy
- 36 Resentment
- 37 Man of principle?
- 40 Stead
- 41 PC operator
- 42 Memento
- 46 Pealed
- 47 Relaxation
- 48 Suburb of Melbourne



- 49 Discourteous
- 50 Screw
- 51 Needle feature

DOWN

- 1 "The View" network
- 2 The sun
- 3 Tchaikovsky classic
- 4 Beatles' "Road"
- 5 Verifiable
- 6 Sort
- 7 Pub request
- 8 Freudian subject
- 9 Dogfight
- 10 Traffic pylon
- 11 Tackles' teammates
- 16 Old birds of New Zealand
- 19 Engrossed
- 20 Emulates
- 21 Blueprint
- 22 Frasier's last name
- 23 Protracted
- 25 Dr. McGraw
- 26 Salt shaker?
- 27 Beige
- 28 Cupola
- 30 Despot
- 33 Pop out
- 34 Hastens
- 36 Organ parts
- 37 Kitten's comment
- 38 Birthright
- 39 See to
- 40 "we forget"
- 42 Now he's
- 43 Barbie's friend
- 44 Indispensable
- 45 Ram's mate

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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

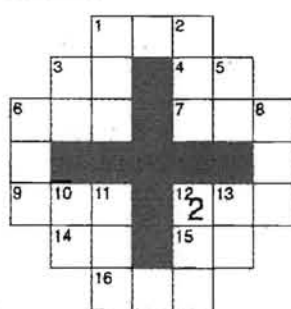
Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, one digit has been entered in the diagram.

ACROSS

- 1. The first digit is the sum of the other digits
- 3. 5-Down plus 13-Down
- 4. 3-Across plus 14-Across
- 6. Four more than 8-Down
- 7. Nine more than 1-Across
- 9. Eight more than 16-Across
- 12. 2-Down minus 3-Across
- 14. Digits of 15-Across reversed
- 15. One-sixth of 10-Down
- 16. Same digit repeated

DOWN

- 1. 9-Across plus 12-Across
- 2. 6-Across plus 6-Down




- 3. The first digit is four times the last digit
- 5. One-fourth of 10-Down
- 6. The last digit is the sum of the other digits
- 8. One-ninth of 7-Across
- 10. 6-Across minus 3-Down
- 11. Two hundred more than 12-Down
- 12. 15-Across times 5-Down
- 13. Same digit repeated

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	7	8			6	5		
		1		2			4	7
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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Ron Edwards (at left, on guitar), Nancy Kranzberg and Chancellor Thomas George perform on top of the UM-St. Louis float during the VP Fair downtown on Saturday, July 1. The UM-St. Louis float was organized by Administrative Services.

Housing, from page 10

Rush parties at the Pi Kappa Alpha house are open to women over the age of 18 and UM-St. Louis male students. Pi Kappa Alpha has been known for its themed rush parties and pledge class parties. Some of the themed parties included "Turn Pike," "Ladies Night," "Pi-K-ardigras" and "Pudding Wrestling."

The Rush chairman and the executive council are responsible for coming up with ideas and creating the names for the themed parties.

"The parties are usually a fun time and are sometimes pretty big. In the last year and a half we haven't had any fights or any problems," Schittler said.

Schittler said that they usually only charge door entries for their pledge class parties, to help raise funds and bids for particular projects and home improvements. In the past year, members have raised \$2000 for a new deck replacement.

Other than parties, the Pi Kappa Alpha house serves as a weekly meeting place for all of their members.

"We have some rules such as we do not allow beer bottles, but our biggest rule is just to respect the house," Schittler said.

Aaron Golchert, senior, organizational behavior, president of Pi Kappa Alpha and vice president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, shared his past experiences with living in the Pi Kappa Alpha house.

"It's not bad, if you are okay with late nights and random noises," Golchert said. "You must be good buddies with who you live with so you do not fight."

Golchert said that the house became officially recognized as the Pi Kappa Alpha house in 1969. Before that, the fraternity had two different houses.

"It is close to campus, but since it is not on campus we have more freedom. The only downside is that we can not have nice furniture or things because they might get broken," Golchert said.

Women living in the sorority houses at UM-St. Louis do not have to worry about hosting parties, but they do have to worry about sharing bathrooms and chores.

Ashley Holmes, sophomore, psychology, is the recruitment leader for Alpha Xi Delta sorority. She has lived in the sorority house since the last year.

"Since we do not have massive parties, we do not have to worry that much about cleaning and the upkeep," Holmes said. "We used to have a cleaning person, who would come in weekly and do the work, but we tried to save money and lower our budget by deciding that we can do the cleaning work ourselves."

The women who live in the Alpha

Xi Delta house work as a team to make their living arrangements manageable. Quiet rules are enforced at night to respect those who choose to study. They also have a cleaning chart, where everyone has a weekly cleaning responsibility.

The Alpha Xi Delta sorority house has been an addition to the UM-St. Louis campus for about a year and a half. Their house, located at 8142 Natural Bridge in the Village of Bel Nor, functions as a meeting house for many of Alpha Xi Delta's social gatherings, weekly meetings and is the home to six members.

"There are housing rules," Holmes said. "One difference is that we are allowed to have a stove and some of the fraternities are not. We can have cooking appliances and we have a full kitchen. Since we are a part of the property of the University and on campus, we are not allowed to have major parties and can not have alcohol, since UMSL is a dry campus."

"I was a little questionable about moving in with six girls at first, but it is very manageable," Holmes said. "This is the best experience that I've ever had. It is not hard sharing. It is so much better than living in the dorms."

Holmes said that when she lived in the dorms, people would be partying or sometimes would be loud out in the hallways and she never had any control over it.

"Because everybody respects and knows one another, it is okay to tell one another to quiet down," she said. "You don't want to cause any fights or scenes with anybody. The girls in your sorority house are closer, like sisters. We share all food and cleaning supplies. The house is very structured."

Holmes said that each sorority has a housing board that takes care of any housing problems and makes sure that bills are paid monthly. The sorority houses are managed and operated differently than the majority of the fraternity houses.

A diverse group of women live in the house, according to Holmes. "Some like to stay in and study, while others like to go out," she said.

Just like everyone who lives in a house or who rents an apartment, the Alpha Xi Delta sorority women that live in the house must make monthly house payments. The cost to live in the house is \$250 per month for each person, which is all inclusive and includes cable, utilities, gas, etc. The monthly housing rate used to be \$325 per month, but they now save money by completing chores themselves.

Living in sorority and fraternity houses have brought members closer to not just the University, but also to each individual organization.

RECRUITING, from page 10

Megan Labbe, freshman, nursing, and vice president of membership with Alpha Xi Delta said she decided to join a sorority and go through formal recruitment last year because she moved from Georgia and thought it would be a great way to get to know people.

"It was a lot of fun and hectic," Labbe said. "At first I was nervous because I did not know what they would think of me. You are sitting there and are basically being judged, but the experience helps you get to know everyone."

Labbe said that she spent five days doing different events.

On the first day, the women were able to go on house tours. Team building activities were held on the second day. The third day was called "Preference Day," where formal presentations of the different sororities were conducted.

All throughout the week, games and skits were held. On the last day the sororities handed out interested

members bid cards, inviting them to join each organization.

Newly selected members were given the ability to sign or not sign the bid cards. Once a bid became accepted and signed, the women had to make a pledge to not join any other Greek letter sorority.

Labbe said that she has enjoyed being a part of Alpha Xi Delta because she has developed many friendships and has become really involved in the Greek system.

"I have met so many girls that I know walking away from college they will be life-long friends," she said.

Recruitment for sororities slightly differs from fraternity recruitment.

When people think of fraternity recruitment, they might think college men must surrender themselves by carrying out daring or risky acts to prove they are worthy to become a member.

According to Chris Buzzeta, junior, MIS management and executive vice president of Sigma Tau

Gamma, this is not true.

"We have a national and a local policy with no hazing," Buzzeta said. "Formal recruitment requires more dedication and time commitments than informal recruitment."

Buzzeta said during their pledge recruitment, they will normally take potential members out for a weekend retreat and welcoming event.

Each interested student is invited to an orientation night so they can meet other members.

During this time, a bid process takes place where past members can vote on the new candidates in the house. New members are expected to know the fraternities history, founders and their principles.

Buzzeta said the recruitment at the beginning of the semester is a six to eight week process and that formal rush usually lasts about a week.

"We get most of our guys through informal rush. There are no rules, boundaries or regulations. We post fliers at school, talk to people in class-

es and give out personal invitations to our parties," Buzzeta said.

"There are set standards that members must abide by. Members must maintain a 2.5 GPA, must be an UMSL student and pay the monthly dues of \$50."

Although UM-St. Louis, like many other universities have a no-hazing policy, D'Andre Braddix, junior, criminology said when he went through formal recruitment with Pi Kappa Alpha, he was forced to sit in a locked room where crazy music played over and over for hours.

Some people often stereotype or have misconceptions about Greek organizations.

"We have study hours and must keep certain GPA's," Labbe said. "Doing good in school is our number one priority. It's not all about partying."

Labbe said that every group can be stereotyped and "you never know until you join."

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